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Fri 0200 WRMI 9955
Fri 0900 WRMI 9955
Fri 2030 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 7290
Fri 2130 WWCR1 15825
Sat 0000 WBCQ 5110-CUSB Area 51
Sat 0900 WRMI 9955
Sat 1730 WWCR3 12160
Sun 0330 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0900 WRMI 9955
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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. Nov. 17, 13830 kHz, R SOLH to Afghanistan via RaMPisham-UK, 500 kW, 085 degrees. Excellent reception. Checking around 1348z to hear if they again and again play the very same music. And, YES, they are:
1345z music, and then cut the song
1347:54z with open carrier
1347:58z another song with high soprano voice started. Best regards & many 73s! (Dragan Lekic, Subotica, SERBIA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. KNLS 6150 at 1255z Nov 17, English program ending with addresses and frequencies. Much better than normal, logged on YB550 portable while on morning walk (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. R. Tirana, English to N America check, Nov 12: at 2100 sign-on, via Shijak site 7510 at S9+18, slightly stronger than // 9345 but low modulation on both, hard to understand. At 2110 I could turn the volume way up, but the noise level went up too as the carrier was not strong enough for full quieting as is sometimes the case with undermodulated Cairo.

Meanwhile, the CRI English relay via the CÎrrik site on 7285, with China Drive show was S9+20 but well-modulated and easy copy. At 2127, listening to 7510, as announcer outroduced a program of songs for the one hundredth anniversary of something; at 2128, 9345 went to IS, and 2130 signing on Albanian, now with somewhat better modulation. 7510

transmitter switches to 6005 primarily for Europe and not audible here.

The 0330-0400 English broadcast on 6110 is finally free of Cuban jamming, which had stayed on this frequency weeks after and hours after its target Voice of America vacated the frequency. Lack of propagation is certainly not the reason for no jamming being heard, as Arnie Coro on RHC is inbooming on 6140. R. Tirana well heard with adequate modulation at 0333 Nov 13; no jamming, but now I can hear some light co-channel interference underneath, probably Radio Fana, Ethiopia, more likely than Lhasa or Srinagar. Is that QRM bad enough further east or west to consider a frequency change?

The 0430-0500 English broadcast on 6100 is co-channel to TWR Swaziland, but it was hoped in the southern summer a couple hours after sunrise this would not be a problem in North America. And so it was not, at 0431 check Nov 13, but unfortunately the Cuban jamming is still running here. Tirana was more or less on top of it, anyway. The DentroCuban Jamming Command may be less likely to give up jamming 6100 at 0430, since 6100 is still an active Radio Rep˙blica frequency, even tho it`s only used at 11-12 UT weekdays via Sackville. Should we then look for a better frequency for Radio Tirana? And you never know what Cuba will do next, so it`s too early to conclude that the 6110 jamming is gone for good.

R. Tirana, 7390, open carrier already at 0241 Nov 18, 0244 IS, 0245 opening English quarter-hour. S9+18 on the meter, but barely modulated and really unreadable vs remaining noise level. Clear frequency, anyway, no ACI or CCI, tho maybe a bit of bleedover from Cuban jammers on 7365 and/or 7405. The 0130-0145 R. Tirana English is supposed to change to 7425, along with the Albanian sesquihour before it, but nothing heard there yet and presumably had not yet moved down from 9345, where I could detect a weak carrier at 0000, but that may have been P`yongyang.

R. Tirana, 13720, Nov 18 at 1539, fair modulation this date during English semihour to NAm, something about an MP on hunger strike, in press review segment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Tentative R Tirana B-08 schedule from Nov 17th:

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 6005 2130-2300 100   0 1234567 ALBANIAN
 6010 1900-1915 100   0 .234567 SER/CRO
 6100 0430-0500 100 300 1.34567 ENGLISH
 6110 0000-0130 100 300 1234567 ALBANIAN
 6110 0330-0400 100 300 1.34567 ENGLISH
 6155 2001-2030 100 300 .234567 ITALIAN  * ex non-direxional antenna
 7360 0730-1000 100   0 1234567 ALBANIAN
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 7390 0245-0300 100 310 1.34567 ENGLISH
 7425 0000-0130 100 310 1234567 ALBANIAN * ex 9345
 7425 0130-0145 100 310 1.34567 ENGLISH  * ex 9345
 7465 1800-1830 100 310 .234567 ITALIAN
 7465 1830-1900 100 310 .234567 FRENCH
 7465 1945-2000 100 300 .234567 ENGLISH  * ex non-direxional antenna
 7465 2001-2030 100 310 .234567 FRENCH
 7465 2031-2100 100 310 .234567 GERMAN   * ex non-direxional antenna
 7510 2100-2130 100 300 .234567 ENGLISH  * tentative move to 7435
 9345 2100-2130 100 310 .234567 ENGLISH  * tentative move to 7435
 9345 2130-2300 100 310 1234567 ALBANIAN * tentative move to 7435
11645 1945-2000 100 310 .234567 ENGLISH
13720 1530-1600 100 310 .234567 ENGLISH
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* - changes (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 13) ... but not realized yet, Nov 18, 1200 UT. wb (BC-DX Nov 18 via DXLD)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. Dear Friends, Today 16th Nov at 1130 UT AIR Port Blair was noted off frequency on 4765 kHz instead of 4760. AIR Leh was noted on 4760, usually not heard at my location due to co-channel with Port Blair (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad (via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

Severe QRM with Tajik R. on 4765 kHz (ex 4635 kHz) at 1400 in Japan. Leh on 4760.03 kHz is very weak at 1400 (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, ibid.)

1425 UT - AIR Port Blair still on 4765 playing Hindi movie songs; I'm also getting a weak co-channel here (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

4765, AIR Port Blair, 1410-1535, Nov 16, thanks to the timely tip from Jose Jacob, was able to hear them with fair reception, mostly subcontinent movie music/songs, 1530 pips, "The news at nine" in English. At times noted slight QRM (Tajik Radio?). Noted on their usual frequency of 4760, a below threshold level carrier (AIR Leh?). Yesterday heard AIR Guwahati (presumed) under the Voice of Strait on 4900 (normally on 4940). A good morning for several AIR stations (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Port Blair was noted on 4765 (instead of 4760) for the morning transmission at 2355-0300 also today (17 Nov 2008). From 0315 they were noted on the normal day time channel 7115. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad 500082, India dx_india yg via DXLD)

4760, AIR Port Blair, 1509-1537, Nov 18, in vernacular and English, subcontinent music/songs, 1530 "The news at nine" in English (during news some vernacular, giving phone number, back to news in English), // 4775, 4880, 4940, 4970 and 5040 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, RN San Gabriel. November 12, Spanish, 1922 folk music, 1924 YL local weather report, 1927 folk music, 1934 news "ahora las noticias" short Argentinean notes about politics, sports, weather, the quoting of Dollar and Euro, 1941 folk music. Constant quality, 33333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ANTARTIDA, 15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 1901-1910, 12-11, escuchada hoy (12 Noviembre) con seÒal muy dÈbil, apenas audible y mejor en LSB, locutor con identificaciÛn en varios idiomas y comentarios. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. RAE with Suplemento DX, in Spanish, Friday Nov 14 at 2156 UT, its hour-earlier DST timing, on 15344.8, announcers reading various schedules; only poor. Program concluded with ``DX`` in code mixing with 2200 automatic timesignal. No QRMorocco (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710.92, RAE, 0059-0120+, Nov 15, tune-in to IS. Spanish ID announcements at 0101. Into English programming at 0103. Local Spanish ballads. English news at 0110. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15344.91-.62v, Radio Nacional, 2237-2245 + 2359, Nov 15, in Spanish, various songs (ballads in French, etc.), serious drifting, fair. Nov 13 heard RAE on 15344.45v from 2212-2235 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. 4810, Armenian National Radio heard with YL vocals to Arabic-type music at 1920 on 13 Nov, until 1928 with OM in possible Arabic with several station IDs and transmitter off at scheduled 1930. Poor signals, but no QRM/QRN and moderate fading.

4810, Armenian National R. On a request from Bob Hill, I was going to check for their s/on at 0200 as listed in the WRTH. When I rolled up on frequency. At 0130, they were already on in mid-programming. Got a solid ID immediately and then they went into a talk and music show with the semi-middle eastern-style music. They were definitely on already, so this bears watching. I will continue to check on them and see if this was a special time on a Sunday or if they are now s/on at an earlier time. Best 73 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, Nov 16, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** ARMENIA. Public Radio of Armenia is the new name of the station in English. A new welldesigned webpage in English: http://www.armradio.am

The live audio from First Program, 1395 kHz, is very unstable. Reception quite good before CRI via LTU starts in the evening (Bengt Ericson, Nov ARC Information Desk via DXLD) Name not so new (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Vision radio Australia --- Having read the latest DXLD, I tuned to 1611 kHz to hear the test transmission of Vision Radio. I am 18 km due east of Melbourne and probably 25 km from the site of the transmitter. Reception on any of my domestic radios is not acceptable due to the weak signal. Using my amateur radio transceiver (Kenwood TS-2000) and 160 metre band vertical antenna tuned for 1843 kHz, reception is just tolerable. However the constant pushing of religion is not tolerable for me.

It is unfortunate that the name Vision Radio is being used because of possible confusion with Vision Australia Radio - http://www.rph.org.au is their website. The latter station is run as Print Handicapped Radio and it provides a wonderful service for all those without good enough sight to read newspapers, magazines and books. From 11.00 pm to 6.00 am it relays the satellite feed of BBC World Service.

I looked up the Australian Communications and Media Authority website to check Vision Radio's claim of 336 stations - see http://web.acma.gov.au/pls/radcom/register_search.main_page where you can find details of every licensed transmitter in Australia. Most of Vision Radio's transmitters are 5 watts on 87.6 MHz FM which have a range of 2 or 3 km at best. You would have to be a "true believer" to think that Vision Radio will get more than 0.0001% of the listening audience in Australia (Morrison Hoyle, Vic., Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. B-08 for CVC International via DRW=Darwin:
Chinese to China
2200-0200 on 15170 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
0400-0600 on 15250 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
0600-1200 on 17635 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
1200-1800 on 13685 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg

English to India
0930-1130 on 15555*DRW 250 kW / 303 deg
1130-1830 on 13635 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg
*co-ch till 1100 RDPI/R Portugal to Brasil/Cabo Verde/Guinea Bissau

Indonesian to Indonesia
2300-0200 on 15250 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
0400-1100 on 17820 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
1100-1400 on 15365 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
1400-1700 on 11925 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. Hi Glenn - I am rather despondent, with Radio Netherlands dropping SW in English to NA and now Austria killing English off at years end. Of the two I always took to Austria more, and, I wonder do you know is there at least going to be a stream online of English programs or are we left to either read English newspapers from there or pray the US Media will mention Austria? (Talk a pipe dream, last mention I saw on TV was about the movie 'The Sound of Music'). 73s (Bill Bergadano, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am not sure the final final decision has been made by Austria about English. Better wait and see. There is that M-F 4-minute English newscast which I just heard again Nov 17 ending at 0711, into French on 6155, from the domestic service and will presumably continue online and if the SW transmitters are on the air at all (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 7250, Bangladesh Betar, 1233 to 1255, news by om, followed by sub continental music bridge, yl and sub continental vocals, enjoyable music fair signal except for co channel ARO chatter. First log this season. 16 November (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach Florida, Icom 746 Pro and NRD535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 7135, *2100-2200 11/12/08, S/on ID and into News. Strong signal but fighting a lot of band noise. 2115 YL gives web site and postal address, which was slightly different from that posted on the web site. Lots of music and ID's with telephone number: 315-17-284-6910 (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. 6035, BBS, 1421-1500*, Nov 12, in English, the usual very pleasant woman announcer with her call-in show and playing EZL pop songs, all the callers were young girls, mostly poor, did not hear any Yunnan QRM today (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. QSL nr "Bhutan Broadcasting Service" --- Received an Electronic QSL card via Email in 9 days from "Bhutan Broadcasting Service" 6035 kHz. Report sent to Email : bbs @ bbs.com.bt WEB : http://www.bbs.com.bt

V/s: Dorji Wangkhunk (Head of Transmissions)
Email : dwangk @ bbs.com.bt POWER is 100 kW! Street [sic] address: P. O. BOX 101, THIMPU, BHUTAN. QSL may be seen at my WEB : http://img58.imageshack.us/my.php?image=bhutanbsgm2.jpg

73! Ivan Zelenyi / UA9JBO (Nizhnevartovsk, Russia)
http://ivanzelenyj.by.ru http://groups.yahoo.com/group/open dx/
(via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

QSL says their 100 kW transmitter TSW 2100 D is ``DRM`` --- fortunately they are still running it in AM (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

14/XI/2008 received e-QSL from ìBhutan Broadcasting Serviceî after reception report of 5/XI/2008 at the frequency 6035 kHz. e-QSL received from e-mail address sherubt @ bbs.com.bt (Sherub Tharchen) Report was sent on e-mail: webmasterbbs @ bbs.com.bt
URL: http://img58.imageshack.us/my.php?image=bhutanbsgm2.jpg
Best regards, (Ivan A. Zelenyi (Nizhnevartovsk, Russia), 60 56'N, 76 35'E, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Yesterday I received a highly appreciated QSL from Bhutan which became my verified country no. 215 according to the Countrylist of the EDXC. I attach a copy. The e-mail address under the signature was used and gave response after just 1 hour and 41 minutes from I sent my e-mail report! I heard the station on Nov 09, 2008 at *0000-0110 in Dzhongkha. EMAIL : dwangk @ gmail.com (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Nov 16, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

QSL: BHUTAN: BHUTAN BROADCASTING SERVICE; 6035. Frequency-only e-card (but my original report was included) in less than 6 hours for a follow-up e-mail (6 months after sending a report by mail) from Dorji Wangchuk, Head - Transmission. Report sent to, and response received from, dwangk @ gmail.com. A huge thanks to Anker Petersen for publicizing Mr. Wangchukís e-mail address! I logged BBS in Bao Loc, Lam Dong, Vietnam, and reported loggings for 3 different days. A very strong Yunnan PBS, in Vietnamese and Chinese, was almost always on the frequency, usually not closing at scheduled 1500. I have heard BBS in Kansas a very few times, but it was barely audible. Transmitter indicated as ìDigital DRM 100 kW.î I hope this e-mail address allows many others to QSL Bhutan (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, KS, USA, & Bao Loc, Lam Dong, Vietnam, Nov 15, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Google the v/s name and you get some interesting hits, unknown if the same person, probably not ``Jigme Dorji Wangchuk (1929-July 21, 1972) was king of Bhutan. He ended his country¥s isolation, introduced modernity`` but may have inspired namesakes (gh, DXLD)

My understanding is "Wangchuk" is like "Smith" in the US or "Nguyen" in Vietnam (John Mayson, Austin, TX, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Received an E-mail QSL from Dorji Wangchuk in 3.5 hours for my Nov 3 reception via long path 0020-0050. Thanks Anker for spearheading the breakthrough! I e-mailed the report at 3:18 am local time (at JFK airport) and saw the reply when I woke later this morning (made the late retiring worth it!). I had attached a 30-minute MP3 file of my reception and a polar map using the Pizza program from Tonne Software

to show the long path between Thimpu and Southern CA. As with others who had received earlier QSLs from BBS, I had received the (very nice) BBS QSL card and letter from a Nov 16 1992 reception on 5025 for the English broadcast from 1413.5 to 1500, but although the details were there on both card and letter, they were wrong on all counts. Just on a whim I have resent the 1992 report --- who knows? (Bruce Churchill, CA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.70, Radio Yura, 0135-0230+, Nov 14, Bolivian music. Spanish talk. Weak (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4451.2, RADIO SANTA ANA. Santa Ana del Yacuma. 2315-2340 Nov. 16. Pgm: El Mensajero de la Mosquitania. "...Santa Ana la radio, una amistad que no se olvida..." Mensajes, comunicados y edicto. Luego de las 2330 con Pgm: Serenata, feliz aniversario.

4699.3, RADIO SAN MIGUEL. Riberalta. *0957-1015 Nov. 17. Apertura con oraciÛn por el nuevo dÌa e ID: "...40 aÒos acompaÒ·ndote en 4700 kHz, banda de 60 metros onda corta; 99.1 frecuencia modulada y en internet http://www.radiosanmiguel.org Radio San Miguel siempre con nuestra gente..." Luego Mencionan a la Red Intercultural AmazÛnica de Radio que la conforman:
Radio Amazonia. Cobija.
Radio Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz de la Sierra.
Radio Juan XXIII, San Ignacio de Velasco y
Radio San Miguel, Riberalta (Rafael RodrÌguez R, Fomeque, Cundinamarca - COLOMBIA, SONY 2010, Dipolo de 15 metros, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL - A R·dio Cultura, de S„o Paulo (SP), tem novo nome e voltou a ser captada em 9615 kHz, em 31 metros. Em 7 de novembro, Domingos Alfredo Loss captou a emissora, em Colatina (ES), durante boa parte da manh„. Entretanto, segundo ele, o sinal apresentava distorÁıes. Marcelo Vieira, de ItambÈ (PR), agrega que a estaÁ„o, agora, se identifica como R·dio Cultura Brasil e que, durante o perÌodo vespertino, possui um novo apresentador que interage com os ouvintes, por meio de um chat na Internet, atendendo os pedidos musicais.

BRASIL ñ ApÛs 20 anos no ar, o programa Encontro DX, transmitido todos os s·bados, a partir das 19h, na hora brasileira de ver„o [21 UT], passou a ter a duraÁ„o de uma hora. A mudanÁa j· pÙde ser notada no programa transmitido em 15 de novembro. Com o hor·rio esticado, o Encontro DX leva ao ar colaboraÁıes assinadas pelo DX Clube do Brasil, produzidas por CÈlio Romais, Danilo Nonato de Paula, Ulysses Galetti, entre outros. O programa tem a produÁ„o e apresentaÁ„o de Cassiano Macedo e JosÈ Moura e pode ser sintonizado em 5035, 6135, 9630 e 11855 kHz.

BRASIL ñ A R·dio Cultura Brasil, de S„o Paulo (SP), È a ˙nica emissora brasileira que transmite na faixa de 16 metros. Foi captada, aqui em Porto Alegre (RS), em 9 de novembro, ‡s 1757, no Tempo Universal, em 17815 kHz, com sinal razo·vel, quando emitia an˙ncios de seus programas.

BRASIL ñ Desde 7 de novembro, a freq¸Íncia de 9820 kHz, em 31 metros, voltou a ser ocupada pela R·dio 9 de Julho, de S„o Paulo (SP). A emissora foi ouvida, pela parte da manh„ daquele dia, em Colatina (ES), pelo Domingos Alfredo Loss, com bom sinal. No mesmo dia, foi monitorada, em Barbacena (MG), pelo Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, e em ItambÈ (PR), pelo Marcelo Vieira, ‡s 1730, no Tempo Universal. A emissora tambÈm foi monitorada em Santa Rita do SapucaÌ (MG), pelo Giuseppe Cysneros, onde a qualidade do sinal era excelente. Aqui em Porto Alegre (RS), ‡s 2100, no Tempo Universal, a emissora recebia forte interferÍncia de uma estaÁ„o regional chinesa.

BRASIL ñ As trÍs freq¸Íncias de ondas curtas da R·dio Gazeta, de S„o Paulo (SP), est„o ativas, no momento, emitindo com os ìtransmissores a plena potÍnciaî. Foi o que informou o supervisor de OperaÁıes da emissora, Benedito Leite da Costa (Fub·), em e-mail remetido a Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, de Barbacena (MG). Os canais s„o os seguintes: 5955, 9685 e 15325 kHz. Os contatos com a emissora podem ser feitos pelo e-mail: fuba@radiogazeta.com.br
(CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Nov 16 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9615, R. Cultura, S„o Paulo SP, 2148-2222, 14 Nov, newscast, ID+frequencies, then program that seemed to be called "S·bado Show e Companhia" (which I cannot find in their webpage); 25432 and deteriorating. This seemed a spur rather than a fundamental.

9819.85, R. Nove de Julho, S„o Paulo SP, 2123-2202, 15 Nov, music program "Caravela do Fado", with music dedications too, advertisements and then prayer; 33432, QRM de CHINA (presumed). (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9615 is the nominal frequency of RCSP; long time since they have actually achieved it; so why do you think it`s a spur; bad modulation? (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL. 9694.95, ZYE245, Radio Rio Mar; 2106-2132+, 15-Nov; 2M+W sports talk; 2113+-2117+ ad/promo string, possible net spot at end, as heard "...25 khz", then into EZL vocal music with ID at 2131+ between tunes; all in Portuguese. SIO=242 till went completely off for 1:10 at 2108+; came back with slightly better sig which improved to S7 peaks by 2120 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 9820, Radio 9 de Julho, S„o Paulo, 0805-0930, 15-11, portuguÈs, programa religioso, comentarios y canciones. SeÒal dÈbil. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. The spurs from 11780 we have been hearing on 11721.5 and 11838.5 are probably successors to this, from DXLD 8-115 ?

``UNIDENTIFIED. 11705 - Something is putting out a blob of distorted noise covering 11701-11710. Seems to be on 11705. I can barely decipher a few announcements in what sounds like Portuguese. Definite mention of BrasÌlia heard a couple of times but not much else. Some music. All at 0205. Signal is powerful. Now they're playing "Tequila" (Steve Wood, So. Yarmouth, MA, Drake R8b 70 x 30 E/W Flag, Oct 22, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Ugly and strong in northern California at 0245. Can make out that there is currently music being played, but that is about it. It is a slight improvement on my power line noise though (Bob Coomler, Cloverdale, CA, ibid.)

Not checked here until after 0300, nothing heard. Anything since? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD)``

** BRAZIL. R. Senado, 5990, full detailed e-mail confirmation, promising a QSL by post, for e-report to radio @ senado.gov.br v/s Alexandre Campos da Silveira, Coordenador (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, Nov 13, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

** BULGARIA. 7400 kHz fundamental, R Bulgaria Sofia's French service at 2100-2200 UT today Nov 12, accompanied by two distorted spurious signals on symmetrical peak spurs on 7383 and 7418 kHz, covering other broadcasters on 7366-7385, and 7416-7426 kHz in 40 mb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Have not noticed spurs from that frequency here, but the fundamental is not very strong (gh)

R. Bulgaria still missing from spiky 15700, Nov 12 at 1411. I wonder if more transmissions are missing one of their two frequency-transmitters, as admittedly happened a few weeks ago.

R. Bulgaria still missing from 15700 at 1450 check Nov 13. Other frequency at 13-15 is 11700, not heard either but maybe still on. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, it was on. Modulation was a bit low but otherwise pretty good. And now, at 2215, both 6200 and 7400 are on with English. Signals are rather weak, especially on 7400 that is much weaker than Avlis on 7450/7475 and Sirjan with badly distorted audio next-by on 7410 (Kai

Ludwig, Germany, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Earlier:] I have also no signal on 15700 today around 1400. At the same time Avlis (Greece) on 15650 comes in, so it does not appear to be a propagational issue. Btw, also a surprisingly good signal for WWCR on 15825, introducing program by Tony Alamo (???), some talk in an amateurish recording with way too much reverb.

The two transmitters of which one was already off recently are the two PKV-500's installed at Padarsko in 1974/75. Their complete usage at present is 0500/30-0600 and 0630-0800 5900 and 7400, 1100-1500 11700 and 15700, 1600-1700 7400 and 15700, 1730-1900 and 2000-2300 6200 and 7400, 0000-0400 5900 and 7400. So one of these should be always missing if indeed the transmitter in use for 15700 has been taken off for troubleshooting.

http://www.predavatel.com/bg/3/plo.htm#pad

Seems to me the transmitters presented with their insides are the PKV-500's while the three other units in a row are the PKV-250's added in 1979/80. And "Central Europe" or "North America" as target areas are technically in all likelyhood the same, PKV-500 via SGD-RA antennas (the large dipole walls) aiming at about 305 degrees (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Bulgaria resumed 15700, Nov 15 after a few days off for adjustments(?). At 1351 with music, splatter somewhat, but not the spikes out to 30 kHz I had been observing before it went off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ivo, hi Glenn, 15700 kHz - 1300-1500 UT, re: some remarks by Glenn, recently. Today Nov 16th, I don't know what happened, noted a weak signal at 1300 UT, only S=1-2, much less than Galei Israel army radio 15785, Greece 15650, and some RRI-ROU transmissions in 19 mb. But at 1400 UT 15700 kHz Plovdiv was strong on air, with Bulgarian language service with S=9+20...30 dB here in Germany (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Bulgaria, 15700, which had resumed on Nov 15, was missing again on Nov 17 at 1451 check.

R. Bulgaria, 15700, Nov 19 at 1433, very strong, but now the transmitter has a big stability problem. With BFO on, continuous rapid warble, much worse than WINB. Some signs of this could be heard in AM, and I was amazed the classical music programming sounded as good as it did, but still undermodulated and somewhat distorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. New B-08 for Democratic Voice of Burma in Burmese:
1300-1400 on 11880 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg via FCC [sic]/VTC
1430-1530 on 9415 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg via TRW, really registered
11795!!! \\ 17495 MDC 250 kW / 055 deg via RNW
2330-0030 on 5955 WER 125 kW / 075 deg via DTK-MB
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

Clandestine, 11880 DVB? 1342 with rock songs. Talks by YL and OM in Bamar; at 1355 political talks by OM. Signal is S3-4 max 24232 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Via T8WH, PALAU

** CANADA [and non]. I was tuning around the shortwave bands tonight, and the ONLY thing I got that was even near strong was the Voice of Russia on 7335. This thing was blasting in at S5. Funny, I remember listening to Radio Moscow back in the 60s - a real propaganda machine - and now they are talking about how the US and Russia must be friends, as they are the only 2 world powers capable of obliterating each other.

Isn't it kind of arrogant for them to put a 500 kW transmitter on 7335, knowing full well that they are covering CHU? They couldn't have put it on 7345? But, that's the way they have always operated - on 2 planes. Yell peace out of the mouth, all the while making war with the hidden hand.

Putting their 500 kW transmitter on 7335, beamed toward North America, was no accident. That's why CHU is moving (Leonard Hyde, Weed, CA, Nov 11, Realistic DX-440, 6 foot shielded loop, IRCA via DXLD)

It`s not quite that simple as I have tried to explain repeatedly. CHU is not registered on 7335 in HFCC for B-08, altho it was in A-08. They were originally going to complete their move to 7850 in the `summer` so it`s partly their fault for not getting off 7335 on schedule. And VOR is not the only station which has blasted and still blasts away CHU on 7335; another is WHRI in the USA. And do you know that the VOR transmitter on 7335 is a relay via French Guiana? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VIA Rail could sponsor CHU CHU (Eric FlodÈn, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

On Tuesday, November 11, 2200-2300 UT, CHU had to compete with World Harvest Radio on 7335. CHU is a local for me in Ottawa, yet it was badly interfered with by WHR which was booming in. Just before 2300, WHR announced that they were going off 7385 (yes, 7385) and to retune to 7315.

On Wednesday, November 12 all three frequencies of CHU (14670, 7335 and 3330) were off air at 2000 UT tune in. Still off when checked at

2100 but on 7335 a Chinese domestic station was heard with a good signal, presumably jamming listed Radio Free Asia Mandarin (2100 to 2200 UT). At 2200 still no CHU. Some minutes later WHR on 7335 again. At 2222 CHU came back on 7335.

WHR now much weaker than on Tuesday and with the same announcements as on Tuesday prior to closing at 2300. Meanwhile CHU on 3330 was on again when checked at 2223 but not 14670. When I checked later at 2304, 14670 was back on (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, Nov 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7335 was off air again when tuned in at 2110 UT, Friday November 14. The other two frequencies were on air. Radio Liberty/Free Europe Russian was clearly heard on 7335 (2100 to 2200). At 2159 WHR on with a very strong signal. The Christian Alternative Music Hour began at 2200. Is CHU still planning to move to 7850 and when? (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, Nov 14, ibid.)

Surely they are, but somehow delayed. I sent a report about VOR/GUF on 7335 to Raymond Pelletier with the question, How much longer? But no reply (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Checking out a report that RCI had been inaudible in Illinois on 9755 a few nights before: at least on UT Nov 14, RCI was indeed on 9755 in English at 0040 check with The Link, but rather weak, and weaker than Rep˙blica via Sackville on 9785. We are facing low winter evening MUFs, especially from stations that are relatively close, skipping over or just not propagating. 6100 meanwhile was VG in Radio Sweden relay. Yes, RCI should certainly be on the lower frequency in B than in A season. I guess they are a bit fuzzy about basic propagation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX (Toronto), 2336-2355 11/9/2008, English. Program of talk, ads and ballad music. Parallel CFRB on 1010. Poor to moderate signal with minimal interference, but deep fades. Faded away at 2355. Much better signal on 1010, strengthening after 2400. Heard ID on 1010. My last log of this station was on 2/4/1962. SINPO 24322 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, TenTec RX-340, Drake R8B, RF Space SDR-14, Random Wires (90' and 200'), Eavesdropper Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was the modulation at normal level on 6070? All I am aware of is ``barely modulated``. If you don`t keep an eye on the strength meter, you may think the signal is poor when it is really relatively good, just undermodulated (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. The move of CFCW-790 Camrose AB to 840 has been approved by the CRTC:
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2008/db2008-310.htm>

CFCW Camrose ñ Technical change

1. The Commission approves the application by Newcap Inc. (Newcap) to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language AM radio programming undertaking CFCW Camrose by changing the frequency from 790 kHz to 840 kHz. The implementation of the new technical parameters is subject to the notification by the Department of Industry (the Department) discussed in paragraph 4 below.

2. Newcap indicated that the proposed change in frequency would restore night time coverage to listeners in north-central Alberta, which has been reduced by noise and interference over time.

73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO. Nov 14, also via Ricky Leong, AB, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We've been hearing about this move for sometime now. When is it expected to be completed ? Is there anyplace listed the proposed day and night patterns yet ? (Neil Kazaross, IL, IRCA via DXLD)

They can be found in the original CRTC application 2008-0934-5 which can be downloaded using the link at <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Notices/2008/pb2008-69.htm#4>

Before they can move the Alberta stations on 830 and 850 have to move to FM first.... 73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, ibid.)

Thx. It looks like their day pattern will put some signal towards the east and enough that I'd expect to be able to log them sunset skip with WHAS phased. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

Looking at the patterns I think their day pattern puts enough to the east to give me a chance via sunset skip with WHAS phased. Perhaps the night pattern puts enough towards you. Like many Canadians, much of the signal is beamed north but for those east of the xmtr, more signal is sent towards those further east; i.e, they send more signal at 60 to 70 degrees than at 90 or 100. This helps explain some of the fine western Canadian logs in the Maritimes although distance from QRMing USers also helps. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ABDX via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBE APPLIES TO QUIT 1550 KHZ --- If approved by the CRTC, this application will put an end DX reception of Windsor's 10,000 watt CBE but may open up other possibilities:

1. Windsor and Leamington, Ontario Application No. 2008-1352-8

Application by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to convert radio

station CBE Windsor from the AM band to the FM band. The applicant is also proposing to establish a new FM transmitter at Leamington.

The new station would operate on frequency 97.5 MHz (channel 248B) with an average effective radiated power of 3,200 watts (maximum effective radiated power of 19,000 watts with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 130.1 metres).

The Leamington transmitter would operate on frequency 91.5 MHz (channel 218B1) with an average effective radiated power of 6,100 watts (maximum effective radiated power of 10,400 watts with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 58.7 metres).

The applicant is requesting, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(2) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence of CBE effective at the end of the simulcast period.

The applicant has indicated that it will apply, within 30 days of the implementation of the proposed FM transmitter at Windsor, for the revocation of the authority granted in Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-101 for a nested FM transmitter on the 102.3 MHz frequency in Windsor.

The applicant has indicated that it will launch both the Windsor and Leamington transmitters within one year of the approval where, at which time, it will operate in simulcast mode for three months. Following this period, the applicant is also requesting, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence of CBE Windsor.

The Commission may withdraw this application from the public hearing if it is not advised by the Department of Industry, at least twenty days prior to the hearing, that the application is technically acceptable. This application requires the issuance of a new licence.

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Examination of application:

CBC / Radio-Canada
825 Riverside Drive West
Windsor, Ontario

and

Municipality of Leamington
38 Eric Street North
Leamington, Ontario
(via Harry van Vugt, Ont., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CBE-1550 Windsor ON has applied to the CRTC to move to FM (97.5 MHz, 3.2 kW, 130.1 meters) with a second transmitter at Leamington ON 91.5 MHz, 6.1 kW, 58.7 meters). This will replace the never implemented nested FM relay on 102.3 MHz. CBE will go silent after the usual three month simulcast period. Excluding a few 40 watt low power relay transmitters this is the last (assuming that CBI will also actually move) English language CBC station on AM between Manitoba and Newfoundland.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#31>
(Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, AB, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

This is bad, bad news for those of us who've enjoyed listening to CBC Radio via its MW outlets for decades. CBE is the last such transmitter audible in the eastern half of the U.S. (north of the Carolinas, anyway.) Then again, the CBC is not in the business of maintaining facilities for audiences outside Canada. And there is CBC Radio 1 on Sirius... Time marches on (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, ibid.)

Very bad news indeed for quite a few of us Detroiters who are fans all things Canadian. It is, however, occasionally a DX catch at night, 30 miles west of the border. If the powers that be could just get rid of 990 WDEO (EWTN), I would be able to hear CBW every night from Winnipeg. At least Comcast puts CBET on Detroit Area cable. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, ibid.)

There goes my last firm grip on CBC on medium wave. Is the frequency going dark or will someone else take it over? (Karl Zuk N2KZ, NY?, ibid.)

Group: I will miss hearing CBE when I go back to Port Huron to visit. Aren't they already simulcasting on 93.5 in Sarnia/Chatham?? How far east of Windsor will they have to build the new tower to protect 97.1 and 97.9 in Detroit?

More importantly, what happens to 1550's status as a "Canadian Clear Channel?" Or does such a status even exist anymore? Will this open the door for Delaware, OH to actually cover the Columbus area at night, and Fremont, MI, to get more power, particularly more night power?

What about the four tiny 1550s in Indiana?

As far as DX is concerned, CBE was never much of a problem for me. Its signal in Port Huron was about equal to that of WXYZ-1270 (listenable, but far from local quality), and it went off after midnight with the rest of the CBC. I logged a number of stations on the channel during CBE's SP, including KKHI, the WBSC DX Test (1971?), and the Tijuana. I also logged the major southern U.S. stations at LSS in the CBE null. CBE slop was never a problem on 1540 or 1560. CBEF, after it came on [540], was much more of a problem for me in Port Huron. 73 (David Faulkner, IRCA, via DXLD)

As for the earlier question about whether US stations on 1550 would be able to get more night power when and if CBE goes silent, the answer is, no. Regardless of whether CBE is actually operating on 1550, the station is "internationally notified" to the US as though it were operating, and in any event 1550 is a Class A channel reserved for Canadian use under international treaty, so US stations will continue to protect CBE (and CBA, and CKBD, and all the other zillions of silent Canadian AMs) as though they still existed. Call it Canada's revenge for the Great IBOC Buzzsaw of the South... :-) s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

Wouldn't it be interesting if US stations could lease the unused allocations from Canada? It could be done by the FCC as an STA that ran as long as the lease was active. This would be a win-win. US stations would get more coverage and revenue potential, and Canada would get some $$ as well as retaining control of those allocations (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, ibid.)

Wouldn't it be better just to re-negotiate the whole system?? Canada, as my friend Paul Chastko (from Calgary) once remarked, appears bent on killing AM, except in its largest cities. An ever-increasing number of media choices, AM's inherent limitations, a mediocre (at best) market reception for IBOC, a no-longer-viable rationale for "Clear" channels -- powerful stations to serve the hinterlands and assist in national defense should a need arise, and an economy going "in the tank" that will squeeze many already cash-strapped AM's even more, would suggest that some of these channels aren't worth hanging on to and perhaps, if the FCC is really serious about giving the smaller stations opportunities to expand service and compete more effectively with their larger neighbors (isn't that what letting the daytimers operate at night was all about in the first place? and weren't treaties with Mexico re-negotiated to allow that to happen?), it might be time to consider some major changes in the structure of the system.

(Author's note: The preceding interminable sentence is the clear result of reading too many books by long-winded historians while in

pursuit of my Ph.D. Please forgive me for it.) 73 (David Faulkner, ibid.)

Interesting that the CBC is shutting off most MWers in the East and yet they are still everywhere in the West (Patrick Martin, OR, IRCA via DXLD)

They've tried, to a certain extent (as with CBU), but the CRTC won't let them out of their mandate to cover as close to 100% of the population with Radio One service as possible.

It was fairly easy to replicate the coverage area (on Canadian soil, anyway) of signals like CBL, CBO, CBM and CBA on FM. Doing that with CBK or CBW or CBX would take a whole bunch of new FM transmitter sites that aren't in the Corporation's budget.

And because the CRTC *has* allowed them to do "nested" FM transmitters in most of the big Western cities (Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon I think, Edmonton, Calgary and now Vancouver), the CBC still gets to serve urban audiences on FM, where it wants to be, while keeping the CRTC happy by maintaining the AM signals for the hinterlands. s (Scott Fybush, IRCA via DXLD)

Yep, they've got one in Saskatoon on 94.1. It's interesting that the CBC seems to be getting away with dropping over-the-air TV coverage -- the CRTC is buying their argument that everyone is watching on cable. IIRC, aren't Canadian cable systems required to carry CBC *radio* stations? (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, NRC-AM via DXLD)

My local cable carries a whole raft of radio, including CBC 1 and 2. ef (Eric FlodÈn, Vancouver, ibid.)

** CANADA. CHLW-1310 St. Paul AB has applied to the CRTC to move to FM (97.7 MHz, 16 kW, 122.6 meters). This station can be heard here in Calgary weakly on groundwave.
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#33>

33. St. Paul, Alberta Application No. 2008-1073-0

Application by 3937844 Canada Inc., a subsidiary of Newcap Inc., to convert radio station CHLW St. Paul from the AM band to the FM band.

The new station would operate on frequency 97.7 MHz (channel 249B) with an average effective radiated power of 16,000 watts (maximum effective radiated power of 36,000 watts with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 122.6 metres).

The applicant proposes a Country music format.

CKVH-1020 High Prairie AB has also applied to the CRTC to move to FM (93.5 MHz, 25 kW, 65.9 meters):
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#34>

34. High Prairie, Alberta Application No. 2008-1075-6

Application by 3937844 Canada Inc., a subsidiary of Newcap Inc., to convert radio station CKVH High Prairie from the AM band to the FM band.

The new station would operate on frequency 93.5 MHz (channel 228B1) with an effective radiated power of 25,000 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 65.9 metres).

The applicant proposes a Classic Hits music format.

Together with other recent applications by ALberta stations to move to FM, once these stations leave AM the only Alberta AM station left outside the Edmonton and Calgary markets will be CKYL-610 in Peace River (plus a few 40 watt CBC low power relays)

CJNL-1230 has applied to the CRTC to move to FM (101.1 MHz, 200 watts) but the transmitter would remain on the air as a relay of CHNL-610 Kamloops:
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#36>

35. Merritt, British Columbia Application No. 2008-1032-6

Application by Merritt Broadcasting Ltd. to convert the English-language commercial radio station CJNL Merritt from the AM band to the FM band. Merrit Broadcasting Ltd. is a corporation controlled by N L Broadcasting Ltd.

The new station would operate on frequency 101.1 MHz (channel 266B1) with an effective radiated power of 200 watts (omni-directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 601.4 metres).

This AM to FM conversion is tied to an application (2008-1033-4) filed by N L Broadcasting Ltd. licensee of CHNL Kamloops to add an AM transmitter at Merrit.

The addition of the AM transmitter will ensure that CHNLís programming

continues to be available in Merrit since CJNL also broadcasts programming received from CHNL.

The applicant has indicated that both applications are non severable. The applicant is requesting permission to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CJNL for a period of 3 months from the date of implementation of the new FM station.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#36>

36. Merritt, British Columbia Application No. 2008-1033-4

Application by N L Broadcasting Ltd. (NLB) to amend the licence of the English-language AM commercial radio programming undertaking CHNL Kamloops, British Columbia.

The licensee proposes to add an AM transmitter at Merritt. The new transmitter would operate on frequency 1230 kHz (class C) with a transmitter power of 1,000 watts, day-time and night-time.

This transmitter addition is tied to an application (2008-1032-6) filed by Merritt Broadcasting Ltd. (a corporation controlled by NLB) to convert radio station CJNL Merritt from the AM band to the FM band. CJNL also broadcasts programming received from CHNL.

The addition of the AM transmitter at Merrit will ensure that CHNLís programming continues to be available in Merrit. The transmitter will operate under the same technical parameters as authorized to CJNL.

The licensee has indicated that both applications are non severable.

An application has been filed for a new AM station in Calgary AB on 700 using 50 kW days, 20 kW night (the old CKRD Red Deer AB frequency). I think that this is basically a reapplication for a station on the same frequency that was denied by the CRTC a few years ago.

Just what I need - another 50 kW pest :)

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#32>

32. Calgary, Alberta Application No. 2008-1064-9

Application by Touch Canada Broadcasting (2006) Inc. (the general partner), and 1188011 Alberta Ltd. and Touch Canada Broadcasting Inc. (the limited partners), carrying on business as Touch Canada Broadcasting Limited Partnership for a licence to operate an English-language AM commercial radio programming undertaking in Calgary.

The new station would operate on frequency 700 kHz with a transmitter power of 50,000 watts day-time and 20,000 watts night-time. The applicant proposes a Gospel music format.

Applications have been submitted to the CRTC for two new AM stations in the Toronto area. Both would program in various ethnic (i.e. neither English nor French) languages

The first is an application to use 1350 (the old CKLB/CKAR/CKDO Oshawa ON frequency) at 1kW days / 87 watts night in Scarborough ON (the east part of Toronto):

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#25>

25. Scarborough, Ontario Application No. 2008-1161-3

Application by Subanasiri Vaithilingam, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a licence to operate an AM commercial ethnic radio programming undertaking in Scarborough.

The new station would operate on frequency 1 350 kHz with a transmitter power of 1,000 watts day-time and 87 watts night-time.

The applicant proposes to direct ethnic programming to a minimum of 5 groups in a minimum of 6 languages.

The second is to use 960 at 1 kW days/175 watts night in Markham ON (a community just north of Toronto):
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-14.htm#27>

27. Markham, Ontario Application No. 2008-1264-5

Application by Kumar Nadarajah, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a licence to operate an AM commercial ethnic radio programming undertaking in Markham. The new station would operate on frequency 960 kHz with a transmitter power of 1,000 watts day-time and 175 watts night-time. The applicant proposes to direct ethnic programming to a minimum of 22 groups in a minimum of 16 languages.
73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, AB, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

** CANADA. Re CKBD 600 QRT: I called over to the station this morning asking about their last hours. I was told by someone there, who was absolutely certain, that the station would have a special program during the last hour between 5 and 6 pm and then sign-off. There will be no other station taking over 600 AM, at least for now. The

frequency reverts to the CRTC. I asked whether there'd be any chance of inserting some CW, but the response was negative. Note the time differs from that reported by Bill Kral, so one would be wise to listen from before 5:00 pm on the Pacific coast, and through to 7 pm just to be safe. I also called 1490 in Campbell River to ask when they'd be leaving the air....they haven't responded as yet, but I'll try again. I was hoping with enough warning, perhaps they would be able to insert some DX friendly content before going off the air! (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, Nov 10, IRCA via DXLD)

Walt, One report on the Website of the station stated that 600 will not sign off right away. They are just switching the format // with the PK FM as many other Canadians have done (Patrick Martin, OR, ibid.)

This is NOT what they told me at the radio station, Patrick. The woman I spoke with seemed to know what she was talking about, without hesitation. I guess we'll know Thursday (funny, I'm listening to them right now as I type this!) (Walt Salmaniw, ibid.)

Walt, Interesting --- A report on the NW Broadcasters site also says "The Peak" 100.5 will continue to simulcast [on] 600 for some time. They have up to 3 months. Some stations have used that 3 months to get listeners to move over to the new FM channel. But we will see on Thursday. check out [Nov 13 items?]:
http://members.shaw.ca/nwbroadcasters/recentnews.htm
73, (Patrick Martin, OR, ibid.)

Check : http://www.600am.com/pages/4271/ For the CKBD sign-off program, and also information that 650 has taken over the format of CKBD Oldies, so that will be nice for those of us who enjoy that genre. Adults 25 to 49 are the target group for the new FM station, the Peak (Walt Salmaniw, BC, ibid.)

The thing that causes me to scratch my head - is that they did a retrospective of every tedious format change they did... Talk --> All news --> Modern Christian --> More talk --> Oldies --> Classics. I would imagine that with each change they lose a little of their audience.

Tonight`s sign-off/sign-on show was a tedious exercise with plenty of back-slapping of aged broadcast executives who are about as out-of-touch as stand-up comics who still impersonate Ed Sullivan and characters from Happy Days - This kind of AM Radio (and FM Radio) is now utterly irrelevant. But I love it! (Colin Newell, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, ibid.)

The radio station told me that the plug was to be pulled at 7; they

didn't. Patrick linked me with a site for NW Broadcasters which stated that 600 would simulcast the new FM format for a time; he was right (Walt Salmaniw, ibid.)

600, CKPK, Vancouver, with new AAA rock format and // with 100.5 "The Peak", ex CKBD, Good as usual (S9+) at 1400 EST 11/14 with Rock and IDs "100.5 The Peak, Lock Us Into Your Presets", "Hungry for great music, We'll satisfy your appetite on 100.5 The Peak, Vancouver." Lots on Classic Rock music. Apparently will run this for a couple or three months // to 100.5, until they sign the AM off. Very sorry to see this. 600 Vancouver I have listened to since the early 60s, as CJOR, later at CKRX, and then the great standards format on CKBD. They will be missed. Drake R8, NW EWE (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Locals switch formats CKBD and CISL --- For those of you who follow such things, I noticed tonight that CKBD-600 and CISL-650 have changed formats. CISL appears to have adopted the entire crew from CKBD, which is IDing tonight as "The Peak 100.5", apparently a new FM station being relayed on AM. CISL is now playing old standards from the 40s, 50s, 60s, etc ... no rock and roll anymore. I wonder where Red Robinson will hang his hat now :O) Stay tuned for further developments (Dave Bennett, Aldergrove, BC, Nov 15, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Glenn, As of tonight 16 November 2200 PST, the transmitter remains on the air, but with a change of format, "100.5 The Peak", "World Class Rock", "Radio you can't get anywhere else in Vancouver." Did not give AM call letters. 73 (Dave Walcutt, Eugene OR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is some question in my mind as to whether what is now operating on 600 in Vancouver is actually called CKPK (AM). Has anyone actually heard them ID as "CKPK AM & FM"? Hs anyone actually seen a call letter change request for the remaining 90 days of the station's life? In my mind, the AM is still CKBD and it is simply relaying CKPK (FM). (Pete Taylor. Tacoma, WA Nov 16, IRCA via DXLD)

Pete, I thought that CKBD has taken the CKPK calls, but I may be wrong. Since Canadians do not have to give regular call IDs, it is unknown for sure. Why apply for new calls just to sign off? But who knows? Canadians have used their FM calls before they signed off the AM. Maybe they don't have to legally ask for a call change? Maybe they can just take them. I have listened to 600 Vancouver off and on and I have yet to catch the CKBD calls either. In New Zealand many stations now use slogans. They don't even have calls. That is per a couple QSLs I have received. If I called 600 Vancouver, they may not even know. The CE probably does, but the secretary may not know (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

As of Friday it was still CKBD in the I-C database (while the FM is indeed CKPK). Given the poor compliance of Canadian stations to the ID rules I doubt we're ever going to hear an ID from either station... (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

** CANADA. CHRB-1140 = a major pest here into Northern CO even audible in extreme auroral conditions (Chris Knight, Nov 16, IRCA via DXLD)

Looking at their night pattern http://www.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/307828-57952.pdf and noting how easy they are here in IL on any fair night, one can strongly suspect that there's no way on earth that they use night pattern. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

** CANADA. With Halifax gone from 920, I can tell you that CKNX dominated 920 out in Prince Edward Island too (with Providence's WHJJ a close second). (Niel Wolfish, Toronto, Nov 13, IRCA via DXLD)

On many days in the winter, CKNX is the 920 channel dominant here in Maryland (Bill Harms, ibid.)

I live within the city grade coverage of WHJJ-920. CKNX [Wingham, Ont.] puts enough signal in here so it's noticeable under WHJJ on an omni antenna. With WHJJ nulled, CKNX is perfectly listenable. This is one station which quite obviously does not switch to night pattern. I've listened through the sunset transition and never noticed any signal drop at all. With the significant drop in power and change of antenna pattern, it should have been quite obvious. They are listenable here from before sunset to well after sunrise. All night long.

As a matter of fact, Tuesday evening I was sitting in my truck and did null WHJJ. Caught a number of good ID's and commercial breaks on CKNX. FWIW, the C.E. of WHJJ is well aware of this (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

Dave, Scott & group: Their day pattern was probably set up to protect the late CKCY, Sault Ste. Marie, while at night they would need to be more concerned about WMMN, which used to get into Port Huron quite well so I suspect it was beamed north. I used to be able to listen to sports events on WMMN (back when we first moved here in 1994) but now hardly hear them at all. I guess that's the result of their night power cut & move to a non-directional pattern. How well does Canada monitor compliance? (David Faulkner, IRCA via DXLD)

Not especially well, at least in recent years. I remember that the late CKTY 1110 in Sarnia gave huge fits to WBT and others on the channel until it finally went to FM a decade or so ago.

920 has more than just West Virginia to protect - the old-timers on the channel are Providence and Milwaukee, and then there's Columbus, Kingston NY, Trenton NJ and a few others that came in a little later in the game.

The problem these days is that there are so few Canadian AMs left that it's almost impossible for one Canadian AM to interfere with another - and if it's a US station being interfered with, the US station has to first figure out where the interference is coming from, and then pursue the whole mess through the State Department, which usually takes up a lot of time with minimal results. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. 7220, R. Centrafrique, Bimbo, 1307-1323, 15 Nov, French, news (apparently, but too hard to copy); 14331. Their present weak signals almost indicate a low power level, not just adverse propagation conditions (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. B-08 for Voz Cristiana via SGO=Santiago:
[in Portuguese it is called: A Sua Voz; in Spanish, CVC La Voz --- gh]

Portuguese to Brasil
0900-1100 on 9655 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg
1100-0100 on 15410 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg
1800-2000 on 17860 SGO 015 kW / 045 deg DRM
Spanish to Central America
0100-0400 on 11970 SGO 100 kW / 340 deg
Spanish to Northern South America
0000-0800 on 11805 SGO 100 kW / non-dir
0800-1200 on 9780 SGO 100 kW / non-dir
1200-2400 on 17680 SGO 100 kW / non-dir
Spanish to Southern South America
0000-1200 on 6070 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg
1200-2400 on 9635 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake, 7335 at 1601, Nov 12; on 9000 the Firedrake started at 1605.

Firedrake heard on 9530 on Nov 13 at 1513, but not here every day (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TAIWAN/CHINA, 8900.00 kHz, Firedrake jammer music against ?Sound of Hope? broadcast? 1545 UT on Nov 14th (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 14 via DXLD)

7335 and 9000, Firedrake, 1620, Nov 18, both strong (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake on 9000, Nov 19 at 1455, mixing with something else, presumably Sound of Hope. Had been reported recently on 8900 instead, but now back here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Why the Beijing transmitters were off: In July this year, the Chinese State Administration for Radio, Film and TV (SARFT) issued a call for tender for work on the power supply system at Transmitting Station "572" east of Beijing. The work was awarded on Aug 06 to two companies according to the Ministry of Finance website. Station 572 is the home of 12 Continental 418F 100 kW transmitters used for CNR-1. That could be why CNR-1's shortwave schedule is affected at the moment. Catch Sarawak on 5030 while you can, as Station 572 will doubtless be back on air some time soon (Alan Davies, Indonesia in DXplorer, Nov 10 via DSWCI DX Window Nov 12 via DXLD)

Thus the Nov 05 schedule of CNR-1 at Nagoya DX-News http://www2.starcat.ne.jp/~ndxc/ has been reduced to "only" 35 SW frequencies for CNR-1. On Oct 14 it was 53 frequencies for CNR-1, besides those used for jamming (DSWCI Ed. Anker Petersen, ibid.)

The 572 Transmitter site in Beijing of CNR-1, reactivated from 2000 UT of Nov. 12 on 4460, 5030, 5945, 6030, 6175, 7290, 7345, 9830, 9900 kHz. de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, Nov 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, You likely already know, but I observed China's "missing" CNR1 signals back on the air this morning at 1400 UT on 4460 and 5030. Just checked those two frequencies, but assume that means the Beijing site is back in operation. Well, we enjoyed 5030 Malaysia for a while anyhow. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, CNR-1 Beijing is back again (was very nice while it lasted!), heard at 1443, Nov 13, on 4460 (fair), parallel with 5030 (good ñ could not hear Sarawak at all. BTW: On Nov 12 heard Sarawak FM from 1557-1600*, in the clear), 5945 (fair), 6030 (fair with QRM from assume BBC Cyprus in Arabic, could not hear anything from Calgary), 6175 (good), 7290 (weak), 7345 (weak), 9830 (possibly them below threshold level?), 9900 not heard at all as another station dominates here. Thanks to tip from Hiroshi and Sei-ichi Hasegawa, NDXC in Japan (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4460, CNR, Beijing. November 15, Chinese, 0841-0850 OM alternating YL talks segments, OM talks on music sounding like ads, 0848 male

outside. 34333. 73 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since last Thursday station 572 (Matoucun), the site with the 100 kW Continental rigs, seems to be back in operation with CNR-1 on the usual frequencies, like 4460, 5030, 6030, 7345, 12045, which have been silent for several weeks. Basically these could be substitute transmitters, but since the audio has a clear lead compared to other CNR-1 frequencies, it is most likely the real station that is back on the air.

Today I noted that 4460 had soft music with some announcements and spots at 1726 until 1735 s/off. The same program was on 5810 (jamming of RFA), but continued after 1735 with no interruption. 4800 Golmud also went off at 1735, but was back briefly for testing, including some audio parallel to 5810. 5810 also had Firedrake music in the background (Olle Alm, Sweden, Nov. 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Since last Sunday (Nov 16) Xinjiang is back on its winter schedule as last winter (see WRTH). In the tropical bands: 3950, 5060 Chinese, 3990, 4980 Uighur, 4330 Kazakh, 4500 Mongolian (Olle Alm, Sweden, Nov 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, ibid.)

** CHINA. Hi, today, Nov 18, I have been observing two changes in the CNR-1 (China) schedule:
- no Tuesday afternoon break (0600-0850 UTC)
- no c/d at 1735 UTC (still on at 1840...)

All other domestic programs (excluding CNR-5) are off at this time (1840 UT). Yesterday Nov 17 the CNR-1 closed down exactly at 1735 UTC as scheduled.

If my memory serves me well China had some (winter) changes in its domestic schedules every year around November 20. Or did I miss something? GOOD DX, (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

** CHINA. 5860, Voice of Jinling, 1246, 11/15/08, Mandarin. 80s pop and new wave music, then a string of promos or advertisements spanning both sides of 1300 before going back to the tunes. A bit fluttery, else fair/good.

7350, China Radio Int'l (via Kashi), 2305, 11/13/08, English. World/China news update, followed by CRI News and Reports. Seemingly running // to 6040 (via Sackville). Fluttery. Weak. Poor.

9820, Guangxi FBS, 2258, 11/13/08, Vietnamese. Usual format of instrumental music to theme music and ID in Mandarin at 2300, then a

presumed newscast by a female announcer in Vietnamese. Prior to 2258 there is a het and weak audio from at least 2 other stations fighting it out, presumably CNR-2 and something else, but Guangxi has no trouble overriding. From checks on various recent days R Havana in Spanish seems to sign on to 9820 any time between 2300-2330, which of course then obliterates Guangxi. Fair (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Don`t forget R 9 de Julho, Brasil, back on 9820 (gh)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait, 1500-1525, Nov 16 (Sun.), pips (5+1), briefly in Chinese, music fanfare, "This is the Voice of Strait, Fuzhou, China", into program in English (believe it was called "Focus on China"), presented by two Chinese announcers (Gary and an unnamed woman), news about China with music bridges between items (taxi drivers protest in Sanya to stop illegal operators; 4 students killed after jumping from a fire at Shanghai Business School on Fri.; martial arts in Hong Kong; two pandas (Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan) will shortly be sent from the mainland to Taiwan, etc.), poor to fair, light QRM from assume AIR Guwahati (back to their normal frequency today, after being on 4900 yesterday). This program may only be broadcast on Sunday. I need to check about Saturday. Back in 2005, I often heard Gary and Jacqueline (Ms. Diao) with their "Focus on China" program, heard back then on Sat. & Sun. from 1430-1500, but then they changed the schedule to a time I could not hear them, so hearing them today with their new schedule was very nice. In the coming weeks their reception should improve (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ron, I am a great admirer of your CHINA loggings. I am wondering if the 4940 kHz program can be found on their streaming audio page http://www.vos.com.cn/jpfs/index.htm I was able to parallel ID the "mnh" program on on 4900 kHz. this way. It looks like VOS has four different networks. Could you translate the names of the networks they show on the above web page? 73, (David Walcutt, Eugene, OR, NASWA yg via DXLD)

4900, Voice of Strait, 1440-1455, Nov 18, this is the first time I recall them being // with 4940, in Chinese, with traditional Chinese music, after 1455 not //. 4940 had the usual AIR Guwahati QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Glenn, Kindly let me have your explanation on following data on Xi'an transmitter taken from WRTH.

WRTH 2007:
CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL (Gov)
SW: [XIA] Xiían , two sites: Xiían (G.C. 34N12 108E54) 6 x 100, 2 x 120, 2 x 150kW, Baoji (G.C. 34N30 107E10) 6 x 100kW

WRTH2008:
STATE ADMINISTRATION OF RADIO, FILM AND TV (SARFT) (Tx Operator)
SW: [XIA] Xiían , three sites: (Xianyang (G.C. 34N23 108E37) 150/500kW; Baoji , Shifangshan (G.C. 34N27 107E41) 6 x 100/150kW; Baoji , Xinjie (G.C. 34N39 106E58) 150kW) Thank you for your kind attention. Regards, (Tony Ashar, Java, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not sure why he asks me, but it looks like there is contradictory info about the location nof the sites around Xi`an; sent on to Mauno (gh)

Mauno, Thanks for this quick response. Actually I heard from my Indonesian dx friend about the latest data of Xi'an txr in HFCC list, i.e. Xi'an and Baoji. Looking into WRTH, then I found another different data as referred to in my question to Glenn. I hope to get an answer or such a clearance in next issue of WRTH. Best regards, (Tony Ashar, ibid.)

** CHINA. CHINA - CRI B08 (as of November 1, 2008)

0000-0057	Cambodian	11990/Nan, 9765/Nan, 684/Donfangf
	Cantonese	17495/Be, 11820/Xi
	Chinese	13655/Xi, 13580/Be, 11975/Kun, 11900/Jin, 11845/Xi, 11780/Be, 9435/Xi, 6005/CAN
	English	11790/Xi, 11730/Kun, 9425/Be, 6180/Kash, 6040/CAN
	Hakka	9860/Be, 9610/Kun, 9550/Kun, 9460/Kun
	Mongolian	11875/Be, 9470/Xi
	Portuguese	9435/Kash, 6100/Be
	Russian	7110/Huh, 5990/Huh, 5905/Kash, 1521
	Spanish	15120/CUBA, 9800/Kash, 9745bon, 9590/Kash, 5990/CUBA
	Vietnamese	13680/Xi, 11770/Be, 9665/Kun, 603/Donfang Hainanf
0000-0157	English	11885/Xi, 11650/Be, 9570/ALB, 7345/Kash, 7180/Kash, 7130/Kash, 6075/Kash, 6020/ALB
0100-0157	Amoy	17495/Be, 15425/Xi, 11980/Kun, 11945/Kun, 9860/Jin, 9610/Kun, 9550/Kun, 9460/Kun
	Chinese-AS	13580/Be, 11640/Xi, 7250/Ur
	English	11730to0130/Kun, 9580/CUBA, 9410/Kash, 7350/Kash, 6175/Kash, 6080*/CAN, 6005/CAN
	Russian	13600/Xi, 5905/Kash, 1521
	Spanish	9710/Kash, 9590/Kash
	Urdu	7155/Kash, 6020/Kash
0100-0257	Chinese-EA	15160/Be, 13655/Xi
0130-0227	Nepalese	13780/Kun, 11860/Kun
0200-0227	Pashto	15435/Xi, 7350/Kash, 6065/Kash
0200-0257	Bengali	11640/Xi, 9655/Kun
	Chinese	11695/Be, 9690/E, 9580/CUBA, 9570/ALB, 7330/Kash, 6020/ALB
	English	15435/Xi fr0228, 13640/Kash, 11770/Kash, 9550/Kash

	Hakka	17495/Be, 15425/Xi
	Russian	17640/Xi, 5915/Kash
	Spanish	9710/Kash, 9590/Kash
	Tamil	13715/Kun, 11870/Kash
	Urdu	7290/Kash, 6020/Kash
0230-0327	Nepalese	13780/Kun, 11730/Kun
0300-0357	Chinese	17540/Be, 15160/Be, 15130/Jin, 13655/Xi, 9450/Kash, 6020/ALB
	English	15120/Be, 15110/Kash, 13620/Xi, 11770/Kash, 9790/CUBA, 9690/E, 9460/Be, 6190/CAN
	Hindi	15350/Kash, 15210/Kash, 13720/Kash, 11640/Kash
	Spanish	9560/CAN, 9665/Brasil
	Russian	17710/Jin, 15435/Xi, 11710/Ur, 5915/Kash
	Tamil	13735/Kash, 13600/Kun
0400-0457	Cantonese	15160/Be, 13655/Xi, 9790/CUBA
	Chinese	15170/Kash, 15130/Jin, 13640/Kash
	English	17855/Be, 17725/Xi, 15120/Be, 13620/Xi, 9755G, 9560/CAN, 9460/Be, 6190/CAN
	Hakka	17710/Be, 17540/Kash, 17505/Xi, 15350/Kash
	Russian	17640/Xi, 15665/Kash, 15445/Kash, 5905/Kash
	Vietnamese	17740/Xi, 11640/Kun, 684/Donfang Hainan, 603/Donfang Hainan
0500-0557	Cantonese	15170/Be, 13655/Xi
	Chinese	15130/Jin, 15120/Be, 13620/Xi
	English	17855/Be, 17725/Xi, 17540/Kash, 17505/Kash, 15465/Kash, 15350/Kash, 11880/Kash, 7220/ALB, 6190/CAN, 5960/CAN
	Russian	15665/Xi, 15445/Kash
	Vietnamese	17740/Xi, 11640/Kun, 684/Donfang, 603/Donfang Hainan
0500-0657	Arabic	17485/Kash, 9590/ALB, 7210/ALB, 5985/ALB
0600-0657	Chinese-EA	15170/Be, 13655/Xi
	Chinese	17740/Xi, 17650/Kash, 15120/Be, 13750/Kun, 13620/Xi
	English	17710/Be, 17540/Kash, 15465/Kash, 15350/Kash, 15140/Kash, 13645/Xi, 11880/Kash, 11770/Kash, 6115/CAN
	English-AF	17505/Kash, 11750/ALB
	Italian	15620/Kash
0600-0757	French	15220/Kash
	German	17720/Kash, 15245/Ur
	Spanish	15135/Kash
0700-0757	Cantonese	13610/Xi, 11640/Be
	Chaozhou	15145/Xi, 13730/Xi
	Chinese	17830/Kash, 17740/Xi, 17650/Kash, 13750/Kun, 11855/ALB
	English	17710/Be, 17540/Kash, 17490/Kash, 15465/Kash, 15350/Kash, 13710/ALB, 13645/Xi,

		11880/Kash, 11785/ALB
0800-0857	Chinese-EA	13610/Kash, 11640/Be
	Chinese	17830/Kash, 17650/Kash, 17560/Xi, 15565/Xi, 11855/ALB, 7180/Be
	English	17540/Kash, 17490/Kash, 15625/Kash, 15465/Kash, 15350/Kash, 1710/ALB, 11880/Kash, 11785/ALB, 9415/Xi, 1215
	Hausa	7295/MALI
	Russian	15665/Kash, 15335/Kash
0830-0927	Indonesian	17735/Be, 15135/Kun
0900-0957	Chinese	17670/Kun, 17560/Xi, 17500/Kash, 15565/Xi, 15525/Ur, 15440/Kun, 15340/Xi, 15250/Kun, 13850/Be, 11980/Kun, 9440/Xi, 7190/Jin, 5965/Be, 1215
	English	17750/Kash, 17690/Jin, 17570/Ur, 17490/Kash, 15350/Kash, 15270/Kash, 15210/Kun, 9415/Xi
	French	17650/Kash
	Romanian	9460/ALB, 7285/ALB
	Russian	15665/Kash, 15335/Kash
0930-1027	Malay	17680/Nan, 15135/Kun
1000-1057	Cantonese	17670/Kun, 17500/Kash, 15440/Kun
	Chinese-EA	6020/Be, 5965/Be
	Chinese	17650/Kash, 15525/Ur, 15340/Xi, 15250/Kun, 13850/Be, 11980/Kun, 7255/Xi
	English	17690/Jin, 17490/Kash, 15350/Kash, 15210/Kun, 15190/Kash, 13720/Xi, 13590/Be, 7215/Xi, 7135/Be, 5955/Xi
	Hungarian	17570/Kash, 15220/Kash
	Japanese	9440/Xi, 7325/Jin
	Russian	7290/Szg, 7110/Huh, 5915/Huh, 1323/Huadian Jilin, 1116, 963
1030-1127	Cambodian	17680/Nan, 15160/Nan, 684/Donfang Hainanf
	Indonesian	15135/Kun, 11700/Kun
1100-1157	Bulgarian	7220/ALB
	Cantonese	13580/Kun, 9645/Be, 9590/Kun, 9540/Be, 603/Donfang Hainan
	Chaozhou	11875/Kun, 9440/Kun
	Chinese	17650/Kash, 15440/Kun, 12070/Xi (to1127), 11620/Be, 9515/Kash, 7200/Jin
	Czech	17570/Kash, 15225/Kash
	English	17490/Kash, 13720/Xi, 13665/ALB, 13645/Kash, 13610/Kash, 13590/Be, 11795/Kash, 11650/Ur, 9570/Kash, 6060/Be to1127, 5960/CAN, 5955/Be, 1269/Xuanwei Yunnan
	Esperanto	7210/Ur, 6100/Ur, 1017
	Japanese	7325/Jin, 7260/Xi, 1044
	Korean	5965/Xi, 1323/Cah
	Mongolian	7170/Xi, 7110/Huh

	Portuguese	15540/CHILE
	Russian	7290/Szg, 6080/Xi, 5915/Huh, 1521/Ur, 1323/Hei, 963/Huh
	Vietnamese	11990/Xi, 11600/Be, 1296
1130-1157	Burmese	11780/Xi, 9880/Kun, 1269/Xuanwei Yunnan
	Filipino	12110/Kun, 12070/Xi, 7180/Jin, 6060/Be, 1341/Heilongjian
1130-1227	Thai	9785/Kun, 7360/Kun, 1080/Yunnan
1200-1227	Filipino	12110/Kun, 9720/Xi
1200-1257	Cambodian	17680/Nan, 11680/Nan, 9440/Kun
	Chinese	15540/CHILE, 11640/Ur, 9855/Be, 9655/Kash, 9570/CUBA, 9540/Kun, 7205/Kash, 7180/Jin, 7160/Nan
	English	17490/Kash, 13790/Ur, 13665/ALB, 12080/Kash, 11980/Kun, 11760/Kun, 11690/Xi, 11650/Ur, 9760/Jin, 9730/Kun, 9645/Be, 9460/Kash, 7250/Kash, 5955/Be, 1341hdu, 1269/Xuanwei Yunnan, 1188, 684/Donfang
	Japanese	7325/Jin, 7260/Xi, 1044
	Korean	5965/Xi, 1323/Cah, 1017
	Mongolian	5990/Huh, 5915/Huh,
	Russian	9685/Szg, 9590/Ur, 7215/Xi, 7140/Szg, 6100/Be, 5905/Kash, 1521/Htb, 1323/Xjg, 963/Nei
	Serbian	7130/ALB
	Vietnamese	11600bji, 9550/Be, 1296
1200-1357	French	17650/Kash
1230-1327	Lao	9785/Kun, 7360/Kun
	Malay	15600/Kun, 11955/Kun
1300-1327	Burmese	11780/Xi, 9880/Kun, 1188/Xingtai
1300-1357	Bengali	11610/Kun, 9600/Xi, 9490/Kash
	Chinese	13650/Ur, 9855/Be, 9540/Kun, 7205/Jin, 7160/Nan
	English	17490/Kash, 15540/CHILE, 15230/CAN, 13790/Ur, 13610/Kash, 11980/Kun, 11900/Kun, 11885/CAN, 11760/Kun, 9870/Xi, 9765/Xi, 9730/Be, 9570/CUBA, 7300/Kash, 5955/Be, 1341/Hdu
	English-af	13630/MALI, 11640/MALI
	Esperanto	11650/Xi, 9440/Be
	Hindi	9635/Kun, 7265/Kash, 1422/Kash
	Japanese	7325/Be, 7215/Xi, 1044/
	Korean	5965/Xi, 1323/Hdn, 1017/Cah
	Mongolian	7285/Be, 6100/Be
	Russian	9675/Szg, 7180/Xi, 5990/Huh, 5915/Huh, 5905/Kash, 1521/Htb, 1323/Xjg, 963/Nei
	Vietnamese	9685/Xi, 9550/Be, 1296/Kun, 603/Donfang Hainan
1330-1357	Burmese	11780/Xi, 9880/Kun, 1188
1330-1427	Indonesian	15135/Kun 11955/Kun
	Thai	9785/Kun, 7360/Kun, 1080

1400-1457	Amoy	11650/Xi, 9655/Be
	Bengali	11610/Kun, 9490/Kun
	Cambodian	9600/Kun, 6055/Kun
	Chinese	11610/Kash, 9730/Kash, 7210/Be, 7180/Kash
	English	17630/MALI, 15230/CAN, 13740/CUBA, 13685/MALI, 13675/CAN, 9870/Xi, 9795/Ur, 9765/Xi, 9700/Kash, 9560/Xi, 9460/Kun, 7300/Ur, 5955/Be, 1422/Kash
	Japanese	7115/Xi, 7190/Jin, 1044/Hnl
	Korean	5965/Xi, 1017
	Mongolian	5990/Huh, 5915/Huh
	Nepalese	7180/Be, 7160/Kun, 1269/Xuanwei Yunnan
	Russian	9450/Szg, 7330/Xi, 5905/Kash, 1521/Htb, 1323/Xjg, 963/Nei
	Sinhalese	9610/Kun, 7265/Kash 1188
	Tamil	9665/Kun, 9570/Kash
	Urdu	7285/Kash, 6075/Kash, 1422/Kash
	Vietnamese	9685bji, 9550/Be, 1296/Kun, 684/Donfang Hainan, 603/Donfang Hainan
1400-1557	French	13670/Kash, 11920/ALB
1430-1457	Filipino	12110/Kun, 7325/Be, 1341/Heilongdjiang
1430-1527	Lao	9675/Kun, 7360/Kun, 1080
1500-1527	Pashto	7180/Kun, 7130/Kash
	Persian	9765/Kun, 9600/Kash, 6165/Ur
1500-1557	Bengali	9690/Kun, 9610/Xi
	Chinese	13675/CAN, 9740/Kash, 9700/Kash, 9560/Kash, 9455/Kun, 7255/Be, 5910/Be
	English	17630/MALI, 13685/MALI, 13740/CUBA, 9870/Xi, 9785/Jin, 9720/Ur, 9600fr1530/Kash, 9525/Kash, 9435/Kash, 7325/Be, 7160/Ur, 6100/RSA, 5955/Be, 1188
	Hindi	7235/Kash, 7115/Ur
	Japanese	7220/Jin, 5980/Be, 1044
	Nepalese	9535/Kun, 7215/Kun
	Russian	6180/Be, 6105/Szg, 6025/Xi, 5990/Huh, 5965/Be, 5915/Huh, 5905/Kash, 1521/Htb, 1323/Cah, 963/Nei
	Tamil	13600/Kash, 9730/Kash
	Turkish	9565/ALB, 7230/ALB
	Urdu	7285/Kash, 6075/Kun, 1422/Kash
	Vietnamese	9550/Be, 684/Donfang Hainan, 603/Donfang Hainan
1530-1557	Pashto	7180/Kun, 7130/Kash, 6165/Ur
1600-1657	Arabic	17880/MALI, 15125/MALI, 11725/ALB, 9555/ALB, 7300/Kash, 7130/Sp
	Chinese	7335/Szg
	English	11650/Xi, 9600/Kun, 9570/Kun, 9525/Kash, 9435/Kash, 7255/Kash, 7150/Jin, 7110/Ur, 6100/RSA, 6060/Kun, 1323/Huadian Jilin, 1080
	Hakka	9770/Xi, 6090/Kash

	Hindi	7235/Ur, 7120/Kun, 5915/Kash, 1422/Kash, 1269/Xuanwei Yunnan, 1188/Kun
	Russian	9765/Szg, 7265/Xi, 6040/Szg, 5905/Kash, 1521/Htb
	Swahili	7160/Xi, 5985/Be
	Turkish	7180/Kun, 6165/Ur
	Vietnamese	7360/Kun, 6010/Xi
1600-1757	French	7350/Kash
	German	7155/ALB, 5970/ALB
1630-1727	Hausa	9670/Kun, 9620/Kash
1700-1757	Arabic	11725/ALB, 9555/ALB, 7300/Kash
	Cantonese	9770/Xi, 7220/Xi, 7130/Kash
	English	9570/Kun, 7335/Be, 7255/Kash, 7205/Kash, 7180/Kun, 7150/Jin, 7130/Kash, 6165/Be, 6140/Kash, 6100/Be, 6100/RSA, 6090/Kun, 1323/Huadian Jilin, 1080
	Esperanto	7245/Xi, 1215/
	Russian	7265/Ur, 7105/Be, 6070/Xi, 6040/Szg, 5905/Kash, 1521
	Swahili	15125/MALI, 13645/MALI, 7175bji, 7140/Be, 5985/Be
1730-1827	Chinese	9695/Kun, 7315/Kun, 7160/Ur, 7120/Ur, 6150/Szg
	Hausa	13645/MALI/11640/MALI fr1800, 9685/Kun, 9450/Kash
1800-1827	Persian	7325/Be, 7295/Ur, 7130/SP
1800-1857	Chaozhou	7285/Xi, 6010/Be
	Chinese	6100/RSA
	English	7265/Xi, 7110/Be, 6100/Kash, 6020/Xi (to1827),
	Italian	7340/Kash, 7150/Jin, 1458
	Russian	9535/F, 7255/Kash, 7190/Xi, 6070/Xi, 5905/Kash, 1521
1800-1957	French	7385/ALB, 7180/ALB, 6055/ALB, 5970/ALB
	German	9615/Ur, 7170/Kash, 6160/Kash
1830-1857	Bulgarian	9695/Jin, 7265/Xi, 6020/Szg
	Persian	7325/Be, 7295/Ur
1830-1927	Arabic	13685/MALI, 11640/MALI, 7315/Kun, 7200/M, 6175/Kash
1830-2027	French	9645/Kun, 7350/Kun
1900-1927	Albanian	7265/Xi, 7130/Kash
	Czech	7150/Xi, 6020/Szg
	Hungarian	9560/Ur, 7110/Jin
	Romanian	7305/F, 6145/Xi
1900-1957	Cantonese	9770/Kash, 7215/Szg,
	English	9585/Kun, 9440/Be, 7295/Kun
	Portuguese	13630/MALI, 11640/MALI fr1930, 9635/Kash, 9535bji, 7335/Jin, 7180/Be, 7130/Xi, 5985/Be
	Russian	7245bji, 6110/Xi, 6100/Kash, 5905/Kash, 1521
	Turkish	9655/Kun, 7255/Kun, 7165/M
1930-1957	Albanian	7130/Kash, 6020/Szg
	Czech	7305/F, 7150/Xi
	Romanian	7200/Jin, 6145/Xi

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1930-2027 Esperanto  9745/Ur, 7265/Kash
2000-2027 Serbian    9585/Kash, 7180/Ur, 7130/Kash
2000-2057 Arabic     7215/ALB, 6185/ALB, 6100/Kash
          Chinese    9865/Kun, 7335/Szg, 7305/Xi, 7245/Kash, 7120/Be
          English    13630/MALI, 11640/MALI, 9600/Kash, 9440/Kun,
                     7295/Ur, 7285/ALB, 7190/Kash, 7160/Xi to 2030,
                     5985/Be, 5960/ALB
          Polish     7150/Kash, 6145/F, 6020/Szg
          Russian    9525/Ur, 7255/Sp
2030-2057 Bulgarian  9720/Ur, 7160/Xi
          Hungarian  9585/Kash, 7110/Jin
2030-2127 Italian    7265/Kash, 7180/Kash
2030-2227 French     7350/Kash, 7215/M, 7200/Ur
2100-2127 Albanian   6145/F
          English    13630/MALI, 11640/MALI, 7120/Xi
          Serbian    7160/Ur, 7110/Jin
2100-2157 Arabic     7215/ALB, 6185/ALB, 6100/Kash
          English    9600/Kash, 7285/ALB, 7225/Jin, 7190/Kash,
                     7160/Ur, 6135/Be, 5960/ALB, 1386/LTH
          Korean     7290/Xi, 1323/Huadian Jilin, 1017
          Portuguese 17645/CHILE
2100-2257 Spanish-EU 9640/Kash, 6020/Szg
2130-2157 Hungarian  7120/Xi, 6145/F
2130-2227 French     13630/MALI, 11975/MALI
2200-2257 Chinese    7325/Kun, 7305/Be, 7265/Kun, 7220/Kun, 7190/Xi,
                     7130/Ur, 7125/Kun, 6140/Kun, 6100/Ur, 5975/Kash
          English    7170/M, 7160/Kash, 5915/Be, 1440lux
          Esperanto  9860/Kash, 7315/Kash
          Japanese   7110/Be, 5985/Xi
          Korean     7210/Xi, 1323/Huadian Jilin, 1017
          Portuguese 9685/Kash, 9410/Kash, 7160/Xi, 6175/ALB
          Spanish-AM 13700/CAN, 9490/Be
2200-2357 Spanish-EU 7250/Ur, 7210/ALB
2230-2257 Chinese    15505/MALI, 11975/MALI
2300-2357 Cambodian  9765/Nan, 684/Donfang
          Cantonese  11935/Kun, 9965/Kun, 9460/Kun, 9425/Jin,
                     7325/Kun, 6140/Kun
          Chinese    11975/MALI, 9555/Be, 7330/Kun, 7300/Ur, 7295/MALI
          English    11970/CAN, 11790/Xi, 9610/Kun, 7350/Kash,
                     7180/Kash, 6145/Be, 6040/CAN, 5990/CUBA,
                     5915/Kash, 1440/LUX
          Japanese   9695/Be, 9435/Xi
          Mongolian  7205/Xi, 6185/Xi
          Portuguese 13650/CUBA, 6100/Be
          Russian    7110/Huh, 5990/Huh, 5905/Kash
          Spanish-AM 9800/Kash, 9590/Kash, 6175/ALB
          Vietnamese 9415/Be, 7220/Kun, 603/Donfang Hainan
2330-0030 Sinhalese  7260/Kash, 6100/Kun
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(several sources, as of Nov 10, Nov wwdxc DX Magazine via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. More confirmed frequencies for OxÌgeno (airing individual programs):
  1010 HJOP OxÌgeno Barranquilla, ex Caracol Barranquilla
  1040 HJSV OxÌgeno Popay·n, ex R. Reloj
  1120 HJGH OxÌgeno Bucaramanga, ex R. Reloj
  1130 HJQQ OxÌgeno Pasto, ex R. Reloj
  1210 HJFR OxÌgeno Neiva, ex R. Recuerdos
  1230 HJBR OxÌgeno Tunja (relay of OxÌgeno Boyac· FM 88.6 MHz)
  1300 HJLD OxÌgeno Pereira, ex R. Reloj (Henrik Klemetz/Rafael RodrÌguez, Nov ARC South American News Desk, Tore B. Vik, ed., via DXLD)

After a somewhat slow start in Bogot·, where the OxÌgeno station uses the slogan "tu cuerpo lo necesita" (your body needs it), Radio OxÌgeno has now appeared in other places as well: Lima, Peru, 102.1, Santiago de Chile, 88.5, Boaco, Nicaragua, 94.5 and OxÌgeno Radio, Caracas, Venezuela, only on the Internet http://www.oxigeno.com.ve (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, ibid.)

** CROATIA. 1134 kHz [Zadar, 600 kW] Voice of Croatia to be DRM

Dear ALL, I've just read in one Serbian webforum that 1134 kHz Zadar-Rasinovac, 600 kW, which transmitts Glas Hrvatske (Voice of Croatia) 1355-0630 UT in the (very) near future will stop broadcasting in analog mode. The staff are waiting for the new DRM transmitter to arrive, and then they will install it, and then GOOD BYE 1134 kHz AM!!

The transmitter will broadcast ONLY in DRM mode, so enjoy Glas Hrvatske on AM 1134 kHz while you still can! Best regards & many 73s! (Dragan Lekic from Subotica, SERBIA, Nov 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST) It`s one of the most often reported TA`s in NAm (gh, DXLD)

I don't understand the love affair with digital on the Medium Wave and Short Wave other than it is the "latest technology." MW and SW are more suited for analog. Digital is better suited for higher frequencies (Bill Harms, Elkridge, Maryland, ibid.)

Bill, there is nothing to be understood. People UNDER DRM is GIVING MONEY!!! to the Croatian Govern to TEST DRM, so it is just a question of usual CORRUPTION! 73's (Dario Monferini, playdx WEB AGAINST bloody DRM on MW, SW, FM, and on the whole sideral space! Ibid.)

After 199 stations heard on the Sony SRF-59, I was starting to take its amazing performance for granted. But station 200 blew me away. The radio gods decided to give me a present for station 200: my fourth

country, my first transatlantic station, my first European station. And they convinced me that almost nothing is beyond the reach of these little radios.

Keep in mind that station 200, like the 199 preceding it, was heard on an unmodified Sony SRF-59 Walkman using only its built-in antenna. Keep in mind that this is a simple consumer-grade pocket AM/FM radio. Keep in mind that I'm located in Toronto, hundreds of miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean. And then consider that I received an AM station from Croatia on this tiny thing. Unbelievable.

Details:

1134 Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, Croatia - 17-Nov-2008 0440-0510 UTC - Music with no talk up to the hour. Talk in Croatian - sounded like a newscast thereafter. Severe interference from U.S. stations on 1130 and 1140, but strong enough at times that the language was identifiable. 600 kW. (Poor-Very Poor).

I actually verified the identity of this in three steps. I'd read on the ultralight dx list that some other ultralight DXers had got Glas Hrvatske recently. So I tuned to between 1130 and 1140 to see if I could hear it. I did hear something that sounded like a station in there. So I went to the Internet and found Glas Hrvatske's web stream (through delicast.com/ radio/zagreb/ HR_Glas_Hrvatske). This was my reference. Then I tuned to 1134 on my Kaito KA-1103 and waited for the signal to come in strong enough to compare to the webcast. It took a few minutes but eventually the signal was strong enough to compare and I verified that what I was hearing on 1134 was indeed Croatia. Then finally, I started listening on the SRF-59 to compare it to what I was hearing on both the KA-1103 and on the webcast. It took about 15 minutes of listening but eventually the signal on the SRF-59 was strong enough that I could hear that it was the same programming as I was hearing on those other two sources.

I've gotten Glas Hrvatske here in Toronto several times in the past, in previous years. But it is the only transatlantic station I've ever received here (I have heard many more from Newfoundland). And now I've heard it on a little pocked [sic] radio. Very cool. (Greg Shoom, Nov 17, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Hmm, can an ultralight be converted to receive DRM?? Ha (gh, DXLD)

** CROATIA. 9830, Voice of Croatia, 1100-1104, Nov 14, short 3 minute English news broadcast. IDs. Croatian talk & lite instrumental music at 1104. Mon-Fri only. Fair. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. On weekdays, R. Rep˙blica via Sackville 11835 starts an hour later than weekends, i.e. 2300. But at 2200 Nov 11, DentroCuban jamming was already running against nothing on 11835; it was however, lite. (Why don`t they use dummy loads, when in standby mode? Ha!) Recheck at 2325, R.R. and jamming both on in force.

Jamming was also running at 2325 on 9600, not against RR but against RHC in French, ha ha, // 5965 which was not jammed. BTW, the 2300-2330 French broadcast is supposed to be only on 5965, per http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/frecuencia/frecuencias-espanol.htm

RHC, 12000, reciting evening transmission schedule just before closing in the morning, Nov 12 at 1457, including 6180 at 0200-0500, which reminds me, I have not heard RHC on that frequency in weeks; is it really on?

Hee hee, DentroCuban Jamming Command ruining reception of RHC on 9600, Nov 13 at 2315, while jamming on 11835 against R. Rep˙blica was much less effective. Commies vs Commies! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. New schedule of Radio Rep˙blica in Spanish from Nov 10:
1100-1200 on 6100 SAC 250 kW / 227 deg to Cuba Mon-Fri
2200-2300 on 11835 SAC 250 kW / 227 deg to Cuba Sat/Sun
2300-2400 on 11835 SAC 250 kW / 227 deg to Cuba Daily
0000-0200 on 9785*SAC 250 kW / 227 deg to Cuba Daily
0500-0600 on 6010 RMP 500 kW / 285 deg to Cuba Sun/Mon [SEE BELOW]
* co-ch Radio Ukraine International in German and English to SoAm
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD) see also VIRGIN ISLANDS US

I checked for the 6010 transmission both Nov 16 and 17 and nothing was heard besides MÈxico/Colombia. I suggested it *might* have been for Radio Rep˙blica but have you anything to confirm that, at least as a plan? (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA. 11600 with fife and drum, Renaissance music had me guessing, Nov 12 at 1427, soon resolved at 1429 by R. Prague IS and off, so that was just music fill after English to S Asia, and presumably // 13580 to NAm (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 4319 usb, AFRTS, 1320-1412, Nov 12, "CBS Radio Network" news, sports news, "Pentagon Report", "Golf Minute", "Environmental Minute", "Consumer Report", "Market Place", Dr. Joy Browne talk show, many military public service announcements and several segments talking about Veterans Day, ID "This is AFN". Nice surprise to find this with fair to poor reception and holding up for so long. Their sunset was 1308.

4319 usb, AFRTS, 1448-1510, Nov 13, Dr. Joy Browne call-in talk show discussing children, segment about new technology ("Tech Nation"), Browne says her show has two more hours to go, talking about Halloween candy and tooth decay, Department of Defense sponsored announcement by McGruff the Crime Dog about the dangers of online chat rooms, IDs: "This is the American Forces Network" and "This is AFN". Am still surprised by their very consistent fair reception. Seems to be best from about their sunset (1308) till about my local sunrise (1445) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4319.00 usb-, 2315-2325, AFRTS, Diego Garcia, English, Nov 13. News by male and female, at 2319, Jazz instrumental music. At 2325 announcements by female. Mentioned, San Francisco and California. 35422 (Denis Gouveia, Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, RTD heard at 1930 on 13 Nov. with French station IDs but also announcements in Arabic and apparent Afar. Poor signal with some local electrical noise. On past 2000 sked'ed s/off.

Tried to stay up late to see when Djibouti would actually go off the air, but at 2200 GMT it was still there, and, fueled by hi-test coffee though I was, I just couldn't keep my eyes open anymore. I'll try again next Thursday! Best 73s to all, (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 4815 RADIO EL BUEN PASTOR. Saraguro, Ecuador. 2310-2320 Nov. 15 "hay una compaÒÌa todos los dÌas de la semana, 24 horas al dÌa... Radio El Buen Pastor, siempre a tu lado." PredicaciÛn (Rafael Rodriguez R., Fomeque, Cundinamarca - COLOMBIA, SONY 2010, Dipolo de 15 metros, playdx yg via DXLD) HCJB DRM: see UNIDENTIFIED 11700+

** EGYPT. Radio Cairo, Abis, 6290 kHz, 2044-2048 GMT Music. Off frequency, measured at 6289.73: http://www.mediafire.com/?wjzumzdymm5 (Terry Wilson, Grand Rapids MI, Ten-Tec RX-320D, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9250, R. Wadi el Nil, Nov 10 2158-2208 35433 Arabic, Arabic music and talk, ID at 2158 and 2200.

9250, R. Wadi el Nil, Nov 11 2248-2257 34433 Arabic, Arabic music and koran, ID at 2249 and 2251.

9250, R. Cairo Nov 10 *2330-2344 45444-43443 Arabic, 2330 sign on with ID, IS, Opening announce, Kor`an (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD) 9250 usage as in B-08 sked via DX Mix News:

1700-2300 on 9250 ABS 250 kW / 180 deg Arabic GS CeEaAf

2330-0045 on 9250 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg Arabic SoAm
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9250, Radio Wadi el-Nil (presumed). Heard pre-1755. Sounds middle-eastern. Rumbling carrier like Egypt. (14 Nov.)

6289.81, R. Cairo Came on sometime between 1840-1845. Off frequency too. (14 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD)

9280.00, 2048-2110, R. Cairo, Abis, French, Nov 17 Female talks, ???? it does not exist audio, strong signal, big problem in his audio. 54551. Audio file- http://www.ipernity.com/doc/denisgouveia/3453276/ (Denis Gouveia/Aracaju SE/Brazil, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Cairo, fair signal on 7535, Nov 18 at 0049, but very undermodulated talk, barely recognizable as Spanish, scheduled 0045-0200, and no doubt just as bad in English for the following sesquihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. ALAMOíS TRIAL DATE PUSHED TO FEBRUARY
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE Posted on Friday, October 31, 2008

The trial of jailed evangelist Tony Alamo has been moved to Feb. 2. Alamo, the 74-year-old head of a multistate ministry with headquarters in Fouke, had been set for trial Nov. 19 in U. S. District Court in Texarkana on charges that he transported an underage girl across state lines for sex. His attorneys asked that the trial be postponed, saying they needed more time to prepare.

On Thursday, U. S. District Judge Harry Barnes granted the request, saying in an order that the ìends of justice served by the granting of the continuance outweighs the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial.î ìOtherwise, Defendant would be denied the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence,î Barnes wrote.

Alamoís lead attorney, John Wesley Hall Jr., of Little Rock, said he expects prosecutors to call at least 20 witnesses, and defense attorneys are trying to interview as many of them as possible before trial. He said he doesnít yet know how many witnesses will testify for the defense. Prosecutors did not oppose the request for a continuance. (via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD) More under U S A

Previous story said he was denied bail as a flight risk, so apparently

he gets more jail time before his delayed trial (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. R. Africa seems irregular, but confirmed on 15190, Nov 14 at 2150 with preacher singing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA ECUATORIAL, 15190, Radio Africa, 0940-0947, 15-12, inglÈs, programa religioso. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R. Africa, 2232-2245, Nov 15, Tony Alamo reading from the Bible, along with his comments, woman read letter from listener in Ghana, fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUINEA ECUATORIAL, 5005.00, 2250-2300, R. Bata, Bata, Spanish - Nov 14 At 2250 - 2256, varied musics. At 2256 - 2300, It seems to be, the National Anthem of the country, off TX. 24322 (Denis Gouveia/Aracaju SE/Brazil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 2245-2256*, Nov 14, Afro-pop music. Spanish announcements. Sign off with National Anthem at 2253. Weak in noisy conditions.

6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, *0516-0530, Nov 15, on with Afro-pop music. Spanish announcements. Radio Malabo ID. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6250, R. Nacional, Malabo. November 13, Spanish, 0625-0635 OM talks "de la Rep˙blica de Guinea Equatorial". Deteriorating, RTTY QRM, short pieces readable. Too late to a good catch, 22432 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6110, Radio Fana, *0255-0320, Nov 14, IS. ID at 0300 and into lite instrumental music. Horn of Africa style instrumentals. Fair to good. Very weak on // 7209.87 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15215, R. Mustaqbal via UAE Nov 06 0558-0628* 34433-32432 Somali, Opening music, Somali pops, Talk, Closing announce at 0624, Closing music, 0628 sign off.

15215, R. Mustaqbal via UAE Nov 12 *0600-0628* 34433-33433 Somali, 0600 sign on with opening music, Somali pops and talk, Closing announce at 0627, 0628 sign off.

15530, R. Mustaqbal via UAE Nov 12 0631-0652 35333 Somali, Opening music, Somali pops and talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Germany, 9695, Oromo liberation front 1654. YL talking in Oromiya(?) horn of Africa songs on 1658 and abrupt sign off. Signal S20 45544, 16th Nov (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. GERMANY Some changes of Media Broadcast:
Radio Ethiopeans For Democracy in Amharic from Nov.16:
1700-1800 NF 6145*NAU 125 kW / 145 deg Sun/Wed/Fri to EaAf, ex 11835
* strong co-ch Voice of Russia in German and RTI in Chinese+Mx Jammer (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** GABON [and non]. Africa NumÈro Un still missing from 17630, Nov 12 at 1414 and 1504 checks, just CRI English via Mali in the clear. That probably also eliminates the blockage of Antarctica on 15476 at 1800-1900.

As previously noted, Africa NumÈro Un has been missing from 17630 in the 1300-1500+ UT period, opening the frequency for DW via Rampisham in German until 1400, then CRI via Mali in English. I haven`t checked for ANU`s next frequency 15475, but Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, found it missing already Nov 9 after 1600. So is their other frequency, 9580, also off? It`s from a separate transmitter since its schedule was/is 0500-2300, overlapping the others (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Indeed needs to be checked out, since all external customers are gone from the Moyabi plant now (or do I miss something?), so it's possible that they mothballed it. Of course I just tried it, but all I can tell is that around 2215 there was at least one carrier on 9580, perhaps even two with a fast SAH between them, if it was not just fast fading. The signal(s) is/are too week for me to make out more, especially in the slope of Nador (Medi 1) on 9575. Anyway the BBC is scheduled for 9580 at this time, regularly via Nakhon Sawon, so must be whatever other site if it was really a BBC signal (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nov 12 at 2034 there`s a discussion in French giving phone numbers before a music break at 2036-2038, but can`t catch an ID for sure. 2102 I find news about Africa in French on 9580, 2108 about football, and finally at 2109:30 ID in passing for Africa NumÈro Un. So the station is still going on SW, but one transmitter is down. They would be well advised to find different frequencies to come back on, free of interference, but I bet they don`t; this also applies to 15475 which collides with Antarctica 15476 at 1800-1900 weekdays. Nov 13 around

1400, 17630 still absent (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9580, Africa No 1, Moyabi. November 13, 0745-0755 French, OM talks, sudden OM Spanish announcement "estamos en la frequencia del Africa No Uno", then returned OM French talks, 0753 pop music in French. Degrading but at tune-in 33423 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) I`ve also heard them throw in English liners for effect (gh)

** GERMANY. B-08 for CVC International via JUL=Juelich:
English to Central Africa
1400-1800 on 15745 JUL 100 kW / 145 deg [well heard here ñ gh, OK]
1800-2100 on 11775 JUL 100 kW / 145 deg

Ukrainian to Ukraine [now what is that other Ukrainian station name?]
1400-1700 on 13670*JUL 100 kW / 090 deg
* co-ch till 1600 China Radio International in French
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** GOA. Dear Jose, for many weeks now 9820 kHz broadcast via AIR Goa Panaji transmitter site, daily at 1245-1545 UT suffers by very bad audio quality, terrible signals noted especially during spoken broadcasts. I guess late BBC-Switzerland Made Thales Thomcast transmitter units of 1992 year came now to end of life time.

AIR Panaji produces a WOBBLING or OSCILLATING audio signal, and when speaker on air, also two signal-peaks on plus / minus 2 kHz at 9818 and 9822 kHz could be visible on radio screen of WINRADIO or DREAM software in AM mode.

Please forward this mail to AIR Engineering at Delhi master control center. Regards de (Wolfy DF5SX <http://topnews.wwdxc.de> Nov 14, to Jose Jacob, via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

** GREENLAND. 3815 USB, KNR, Tasiilaq (tentative), 2058-2109*, Nov 05 and 06, talks that sounded like Danish, mentioning Reykiavik, 24232, on Nov 06: 14121, occasional QRM from Russian talking utility. Increased power or just good conditions (Roland Schulze, Stuttgart, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Nov 12 via DXLD) On Nov 5 and 6 solar flux was 68 and the A-index just 1 (DSWCI Ed. Anker Petersen, ibid.)

** GUAM. USA(non) Deleted transmissions of AWR/KSDA:
1700-1730 on 11795 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to ME in Hindi
1730-1800 on 11695 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to ME in Tamil
1700-1730 on 9980 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to ME in various langs*
1730-1800 on 9980 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to ME in English
*Mon/Tue Tagalog; Wed/Thu Ilonggo; Fri/Sat Cebuano; Sun Ilocano
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4810, AIR Bhopal, heard with test tones at 0019 on 17 Nov. Started "Song of India" IS at 0022 and ID and s/on choir at 0025. Kind of weak signal, about an S3 with some slight splatter from China on 4810 (China has no concept of occupied bandwidth). Checking this as follow-up to my report of Armenia [q.v.] from previous day. At 0130, time pips were heard and the usual Akhashvani ID from AIR. Yesterday, the signal was different as was the language and there were no time pips at 0130 (India is GMT +05.30). I could attribute the program change to it now being a weekday. Now the question is why was Armenia on yesterday? Mistake or special program or no reason at all? I will check some more this week and definitely next Sunday and hopefully we will soon have an answer! (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** INDIA. 15 Nov at 1920 UT on 4800 noted a radio play - kind of Indian sounding program. Some special AIR program at this late hour? (Jari Savolainen, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Due of a typhoon in the area?, some AIR changes on 4765 and 4900 kHz noted also in Austria 2355 UT last night, Nov 15th? (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

AIR Hyderabad emergency broadcast. I just spoke to Jose Jacob, cyclone warning has been issued for coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh.

Google search returned this link :
http://www.newkerala.com/topstory-fullnews-46630.html
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, ibid.)

** INDIA. 4900, AIR Guwahati (presumed), 1428-1447, Nov 15, in the past this was their alternate frequency. Subcontinent music and singing, two men having a long conversation in vernacular, poor with QRM from Voice of Strait. Almost every day I check on VOS here and this is the first time I have noted QRM. In the past I could occasionally hear AIR Guwahati mixing with VOS on 4940, but today only heard VOS in the clear on 4940. Overall was a good morning for AIR stations. Wanted to check for the "News at nine" (1530 UTC) in English, but by then only heard VOS on 4900. This was also heard today by Dave Valko (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Guwhati is back on 7420 after several weeks. Sked is:

0130-0230 Nepali, 0230-0245 Hindi HS, 0245-0300 English HS, 0300-0430 Bangla, 0700-0800 Nepali, 0800-1100 Bangla, 1215-1330 Tibetan, 1330-1430 Nepali, 1445-1515 Bangla, 1515-1530 Hindi HS, 1530-1600 English HS, 1600-1730 Bangla, 1730-1735 English HS, 1735-1740 Hindi HS. 73

(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Nov 15, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 15260, AIR Delhi, only bassy BUZZ noted here 7-8 UT Nov 15. Scheduled domestic langs 0645-0930 UT, afterwards GOS English service til 1100 UT. But maybe the buzz originate from Taiwan next door 15265 clash? The Delhi 50 kW unit at 174 degrees southwards never gave much signal strength here in Europa (at 310 degree angle). (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Website of All India Radio, High Power Transmitter at Malad, Mumbai http://www.airhptmalad.com/

Here are links to the websites of AIR regional stations posted in dx-india earlier:

All India Radio - Main Website
http://www.allindiaradio.org/

All India Radio - CE, North Zone
http://cenorth.org/

All India Radio - CE, West Zone
http://www.cewzair.org/

All India Radio - Central Sales Unit, Mumbai
http://csuair.org.in/

All India Radio - Staff Training Institute (Tech)
http://education.vsnl.com/stitair/

All India Radio - Regional Staff Training Institute (Techl), Bhubaneshwar
http://www.rstitbbsr.org/

All India Radio - Ahmedabad, Gujarat
http://www.airahmedabad.in/

All India Radio - Bhawanipatna, Orissa
http://www.airbpn.org/

All India Radio - Cuttack, Orissa
http://www.airctc.com/

All India Radio - Imphal
http://cicmanipur.nic.in/html/air_imp.htm

All India Radio - Panaji

http://www.airpanaji.gov.in/

All India Radio - Rohtak
http://rohtakakashvani.com/

All India Radio - Thiruvananthapuram
http://www.airtvm.com

All India Radio - Vividh Bharati (Temp)
http://vividhbharati.weebly.com/index.html

All India Radio - Kolkata (Unofficial)
http://www.freewebs.com/airkolkata/

All India Radio - Childrens Programme
http://childrensection.tripod.com/
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Nov 17, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Annual Report of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt of India for the year 2007-08 is now available for download from this link :
http://mib.nic.in/informationb/POLICY/ar/annualrepeng_I.pdf
(134 MB) Pages 46-111 are for broadcasting sector which includes details about All India Radio (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india via DXLD)

** INDIA [non]. UZBEKISTAN B-08 CVC International via TAC=Tashkent:
English to India
0030-0230 on 7395 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
0230-0430 on 11650 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
0430-0930 on 15610 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
Hindi to India
0100-0400 on 9425 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg
0000-0400 on 6260 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
0400-1100 on 13630 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
1100-1400 on 9500 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
1400-2000 on 6260 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Massive signal from VOI 9525.9 this evening, S-meter almost on the stop [?] via a 1980s portable using just a rod antenna! Tuned in to music 1045, then had English ID, closing announcements, mailing address, e-mail. A couple of false starts, then more music 1055, with further ID and contact details 1059. Gave schedule for English program as still being 0200, 0800 and 2000. Aoki still shows Thai for this hour - went into scheduled Chinese at 1100. Strongest I've ever heard them. 11/11, Rgds (Craig (who is supposed to be studying for an exam - but can't help the odd diversion) Seager, NSW,

ARDXC via DXLD)

VOI, 9526, reconfirmed Nov 12 at 1355 with Indo rap (or monkey rap? Quite a cross-cultural combination), English announcement. This is in the so-called ``music`` segment at the end of each transmission.

[and non]. VOI, 9526, had been clear during the 13-14 UT hour when English is scheduled, so even tho it is almost 1 kHz off-frequency, no het to worry about. But Nov 14 at 1339 a strong carrier was cutting on and off 9525, as well as an hour later at 1449 check. It could be anybody testing, but I would like to suspect WHRI, which is registered for 9525 for only one hour at 21-22 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.9, Voice of Indonesia, 1301-1320, Nov 15, opening English ID announcements at 1301. English news at 1303. Weak but readable initially but very poor in noisy conditions by 1320 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOI, 9526, Nov 16 at 1402, modulation cutting out, fragment of ``Voice of Dignity`` slogan; VG signal tho with hum. English must be running late again.

RRI regionals active on both 4750 and 4790, Nov 17 at 1416 with similar soft music, but not // and at 1417 came an announcement on 4790 Fak2 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3976.02, RRI-Pontianak, 1554-1614, Nov 15, in BI, DJ playing songs and with on-air calls, mostly fair.

4749.94, RRI-Makassar, 1456-1500*, Nov 15, in BI, pop song, SCI, ID and off, poor with QRM from China and Bangladesh (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. 9680, RRI Jakarta, 1109-1130 Nov 17. Noted steady Pop music at tune in. There's two other stations on this frequency besides Jakarta (see below). At 1113 music ceases briefly and signal is lost in the QRM. By 1119 there's so much interference on this frequency, I can't pull out Jakarta anymore from all of it.

Taiwan, 9680, Taiwan International, (Tent) 1109-1130, Noted a male in Mandarin language comments. At 1114 a female joins in briefly. The comments continue during the period while signal remains at a fair level.

Unident, 9680, 1109-1130 Noted a male in comments. Couldn't identify the language but it wasn't English. This could be WYFR which would be reasonable since they usually skip over my location on certain bands

and sound like they are somewhere on the other side of nowhere. But can't pull out an ID. (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WYFR quits 9680 at 1045 after French (gh)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. WRN ON XM --- As rumoured, the powers to be at Sirius-XM have went on ahead and put World Radio Network on XM 135. As of Midnight Nov 12, 2008 they changed over the entire XM music lineup so there are quite a few changes. The CBC networks were not moved to XM so these remain on Sirius only. So unless you have Sirius satellite radio receiver as part of your lineup, this will remain a DX find (Rick Lewis, Nov 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This looks more like XM became Sirius than a "merge" of channels. The important question for me is... do Sirius subscribers now get the REAL BBCWS instead of BBC WORLD SERVICE NEWS ? Did XM listeners lose the real BBCWS and get stuck with BBC World Service News ? (Andy K3UK O`Brien, NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It was precisely what XM-Sirius was trying to do. They were giving out pink slips to many of their PD's and DJ's on the XM side of things. You also had a lot of Sirius programs come over on the XM side of things. You have on XM the BBCWS and World of Radio. What you do not have is The CBC channels which were on Sirius (Richard Lewis, ibid.)

New XM Channel Lineup --- I had suggested a while back that a radio station that played a truly eclectic mix of the world's best music would be something that could stand out from the crowd and become popular. Kevin mentioned that XM had such a channel, Fine Tuning. I've listened to Fine Tuning off and on since then and it really did provide an eclectic mix. Just the other day on the way to work I heard some Celtic tune that culminated with an amazing fiddle solo, followed by Dave Matthews' live version of "All Along the Watchtower", followed by something from a completely different genre.

While I found Fine Tuning to be very interesting and well worth a listen, apparently I was in a minority. With the new Sirius/XM lineup presented today, Fine Tuning was dropped. They suggested a couple other channels as replacements, but, being familiar with both those channels, I know they aren't even close to replacements.

I guess I was wrong. Even among 170-some channels offered by Sirius/XM there is apparently no room for a truly eclectic mix of music.

They also changed XM Cafe to The Spectrum. In less than 30 seconds of being tuned to The Spectrum I was annoyed by the chatter of the DJ. I suppose it will take some time to get used to the new lineup, but so far I can't say that I'm happy with it (Jay Heyl, FL, Nov 12, ABDX via

DXLD)

I am still trying to get used to the new lineup on XM this morning. At least they have left my two favorite music channels --- "sixties on six" and "seventies on seven" --- largely intact, complete with the 60s jingles, etc. And I'm kinda excited that "Cousin Brucie" Morrow will be doing stuff on the sixties channel. I'm also very pleased that Bluesville, channel 74, has been left intact. My initial reaction is the Sirius music channels were the big losers in the merger, and that's fine with me.

The World Radio Network is also moving to XM but I haven't checked it out yet. But I'm thrilled that I will be able to hear Howard Stern and Glenn Hauser from the same satellite receiver. That's really change I can believe in (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17, http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/ ibid.)

The two channels I listen to the most are The Loft and XM Cafe. As I mentioned, XM Cafe was renamed. I've yet to determine if there is some subtle change in the format as well, aside from the previously mentioned annoying DJ chatter. Thankfully, The Loft has suvived intact.

There are three new channels dedicated to the music of Elvis Presley, The Grateful Dead, and Bruce Springsteen, respectively. These channels dedicated to a single artist or group bother me a bit. Way too narrowcast for my taste.

WRN is on XM 135. I'll have to check it out.

I see they've also added Cosmo Radio (XM 162). That could be either highly entertaining or totally annoying.

The Catholic Channel (XM 117) seems an odd choice for a new channel. Nothing against Catholics, but it opens the door for people of all faiths to start demanding a channel dedicated to their religion. When they're forced to add the Druid Channel, maybe they'll realize the mistake.

Switching to the other topic to be avoided in all polite conversation, I see they've changed POTUS '08 to simply POTUS and claim to provide unbiased political coverage. I didn't listen much to POTUS '08 before the election so I have no real feel for how well they did on the unbiased aspect. Admittedly, it would be nice to have an unbiased, or even an equally biased, source for political news. That's something we've been missing for quite some time.

For the sports fans out there, they've added nine channels of NBA

coverage (XM 231-239). (Jay Heyl, ibid.)

I am also getting used to the new lineup on Sirius. It looks like most of the channels I liked were kept, and in the case of the 70s channel, Magic Matt has made the transition to what was the XM 70s channel. Let's hope they kept the "Jukebox from Hell" feature, as this is the station I listen to the most.

I like the additions from XM, including the beautiful music channel. I do hope they kept Outlaw Country from Sirius, as Mojo Nixon is one funny guy. I guess this was to be expected, and nobody is going to be 100% happy, but so far I like it (Juan Gualda, Ft. Pierce, FL, ibid.)

Sorry about Fine Tuning but I am stoked that XM picked up 135 World Radio Network. I can listen to shortwave for DX and propagation studies but WRN is clear as a bell when I just want to listen.

I just had to find Escape, it went from 26 to 78 and now 28. The change happened about 2300 CT as my radio got scrambled and I had to reboot the receiver. I am glad I have WRN and elevator music (Kevin Redding, ibid.) See also U K [non] for discussion of BBC via XM

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. WORLDSPACE --- I've just tried to tune into WRN on my Hitachi Worldspace receiver but it seems to have disappeared from Afristar, along with most of the other channels that used to be available. Only 6 stations seem to be there at the moment: BBC-World, BFM, RFI-1, Esperance, Marine and RMC-Info. I've tried doing a "beam seek" but it still only finds the above 6 audio channels.

Not sure if this is a problem with my rx/aerial - or if the other channels have gone? Can anyone else with a Worldspace rx still hear any other channels on Afristar - such as Caroline and WRN?
(Dave Kenny, Caversham, Nov 14, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Further on this from Media Network - .

WORLDSPACE REPORTED TO HAVE CLOSED UK UPLINK CENTRE

Someone identified as 'Wilson 500' has posted the following message on Digital Spy: "WorldSpace yesterday switched off their UK uplink centre to Afristar. Sadly jobs have been lost. " Juan Carlos Ara, who has a WorldSpace receiver, says "So that means some stations have ceased on WorldSpace West Beam. These are the only stations that remain or are on air, all FTA : BBC World Service, Marine, RFI - 1, Radio Esperance, BFM, RMC Info."

Thanks to Ray Woodward for passing on the links to those posts. Ray adds that "I can confirm that at least one WorldSpace licence has now

been dropped from the OFCOM list of UK satellite licences". So it appears that WorldSpace has now ended all its activities in the UK. Thus far I have not seen any official statement from WorldSpace (via BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

WorldSpace UK goes into liquidation

Chris Forrester reports on Rapid TV News: Worldspace (UK) Ltd called in the liquidators on Friday 14 November. The action means an immediate suspension of the Afristar channels that were being transmitted from London by WRN. The move also means that Worldspace UKís few remaining staff have been let go, according to informed sources. London employees have received no salaries since September.

Telemetry, care and control of Afristar are still being carried out. Insiders suggest that Afristar is still carrying some radio channels beamed up from South Africa.

WorldSpace UK is a separate operation to WorldSpace Inc, which is currently in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Our sources suggest that WorldsSpaceís London assets (transmission equipment and so forth) had already been formally seized ahead of the liquidation because WorldSpace is in default on payments. A Creditors Meeting will be held later in November. (Source: Rapid TV News via Creative Commons Licence)(November 18th, 2008 - 8:38 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** IRAN. V of the Islamic Republic, 9790 at 1315z Nov 17. (500 kW at 118 degrees) listed in Urdu to Pakistan, with call to prayer and male & female announcers. // 9835. Grayline path to SW Asia (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, Eton E1, T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Galei Zahal, a reliable presence on 6973, appears gone this evening (11/15/08 0125 UT). It has been a long time since I've heard them off (Damon Cassell, Salem MA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. ISRAEL NATIONAL RADIO GOES SPANISH
http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/128376

by Israel National Radio Staff (IsraelNN.com)

Israel National Radio has launched its first ever radio program in Spanish. Named "Leche y Miel" (Milk and Honey), the show reaches out to Spanish-speakers in Israel and abroad bringing them "the sweetness of the Land," according to show host Rafael Kaufmann.

"This will be a pro-Israel Spanish communications channel promoting Jewish values, love of the Land, and love of the Shomron, where I live

today," says Kaufmann. The new host was born in Uruguay. It broadcasts live every Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Israel time and is available as a podcast. [1200-1300 UT]

The first episode features an interview with Dani Dayan, Chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria, about the new, massive public relations campaign promoting Judea and Samaria. Also, Uruguay-born Rabbi Daniel Stavsky on the concept of "spiritual geography" and the Land of Israel in the week's Torah portion.

Gabriel Ben Tasgal, the Spanish news editor of Guysen News speaks about the situation in Gaza and the up-coming Israeli general elections. Finally, Sergio Goldstein a veteran immigrant from Argentina and counselor at the Jewish Agency Aliyah department gives two important recommendations to new olim.

Rafael Kaufmann is the Director of the South American Desk in the International Liaison Office for the Samaria Regional Council. He was born in Uruguay where he studied Jewish and Zionist education and is a licensed tour guide, former IDF soldier, and former community emissary in Colombia and Brazil. Rafael is also a guide for the March of the Living trip to Poland. He currently lives in Samaria.

Below is a summary in Spanish of the first show, and a biography of Rafael Kaufmann.

En el nuevo programa "Leche y Miel", Rafael Kaufmann, quien lo dirige, entrevista a diferentes personalidades. El primer entrevistado es el editor de las noticias de Guysen en espaÒol Lic. Gabriel Ben Tasgal, quien hablÛ de la situaciÛn de tensiÛn que se vive en la franja de Gaza y tambiÈn sobre la situaciÛn de los principales partidos polÌticos en Israel a medida que se acercan las elecciones generales. Rafael antes de hacer escuchar la canciÛn "AmÈn" contÛ un poco sobre su historia y leyÛ la traducciÛn de la misma.

Semana a semana el Rabino Daniel Stawski nos comentar· sobre la parash· de la semana conect·ndonos a la geografÌa espiritual de Israel. Otro de los huÈspedes del programa fue Dani Dayan, Presidente del Nuevo Consejo de Yesh"a (Judea, Samaria y Gaza) quien platicÛ sobre la campaÒa lanzada para fomentar el turismo de IsraelÌes en Judea y Samaria.

Para finalizar y tambiÈn, parte de la propuesta semanal es entrevistar a un nuevo o no tan nuevo inmigrante que nos cuente su experiencia personal. Esta vez fue entrevistado Sergio Goldstein, quien inmigrÛ hace ya 20 aÒos desde Argentina y quien trabaja hoy en la Agencia JudÌa como encargado de autorizaciones de Ali·, Sergio dio dos consejos al nuevo olÈ "Paciencia y perseverancia".

Rafael Kaufmann nace en Uruguay, recibe educaciÛn judia y sionista. Hace Ali· a los 18 aÒos, se gradua en la Universidad de Bar Il·n en Estudios de la Tierra de Israel, tiene Licencia de Guia TurÌstico Internacional, y tambiÈn estudio cursos de administraciÛn de asentamientos. SirviÛ en el Ejercito. Durante cuatro aÒos fue Shaliaj comunitario y educativo en Colombia y Brasil y es tambiÈn guia de grupos a Polonia en la tradicional Marcha de la vida.

Actualmente trabaja como Director para AmÈrica Latina de la Oficina de Relaciones P˙blicas del ShomrÛn, viendo en su funciÛn la oportunidad de conectar a comunidades judÌas de la di·spora con comunidades del ShomrÛn mostr·ndoles la importancia de la colonizaciÛn del ShomrÛn y la necesidad de apoyar su desarrollo.

Rafael vive en el asentamiento de Tzufim, casado con Keren y padre de cinco hijos (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NOT to be confused with Israel Radio === the government service. As the webpage reveals, this Israel National Radio is part of Arutz-7 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. Would listeners around Europe please check 7290 at 2030 this Friday; how bad is the collision from Russia? Also, how is WWCR doing at 2130 with World of Radio on 15825? Tnx, Glenn Hauser, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since I got no replies to this on Friday, may I ask again if Europeans could check this Saturday between 2030-2100, if you can pull away from RSHD for a moment (Glenn Hauser, Nov 15, ibid.)

Glenn, Russia S9+20db's here in Blackpool UK at 2044 (Ray Browell, Nov 15, ibid.)

Re; Collision check at 2030 on 7290: In Germany 7290 Russia S=9+20 dB powerhouse as usual too.

RSO only S=1-2 on 5915, not even a carrier on 7345 kHz at same time. Would suggest IRRS should use 5.8 to 5.85 range or even 75 mband.

Predict 50% success on a low 50 mb channel, at least in winter season til mid March next year. Or better a time change to 1700-1800 UT. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, ibid.)

** JAPAN. NAZAKI TRANSMITTER SITE WILL BE CLOSED

Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) announced on October 16 that the

transmitter site of Tokyo VOLMET (10/40min of every hour on 2863 6679 8828 13282 kHz J3E 1.5 kW) will be changed to Kagoshima Fishery Transmitting Station (located in Kagoshima City, Kyushu Island) in March 2009, from Nazaki Transmitter site in Ibaragi prefecture. They are planning to conduct test transmissions from Kagoshma Fishery Transmitting Station as the following schedule.

Dec. 3/4: 1510-1515 2863, 1610-1615 6679, 1710-1715 8828, 1810-1815 13282

Dec. 6: 1510-1515, 1610-1615, 1710-1715, 1810-1815 on 2863 6679 8828 13282

Dec. 10/11: 0210-0215 on 2863 6679 8828 13282

Feb 4/5: 1510-1515, 1610-1615, 1710-1715, 1810-1815 on 2863 6679 8828 13282

The transmission from Nazaki site will be suspended during the test transmission.

The transmission site of JMA's radio FAX transmission JMH (3622.5/7795/13988.5 kHz F3C 5 kW) will also be moved to the same transmitting station at the same time.

As JMA (Tokyo VOLMET and JMH) is now the last and the only user of Nazaki transmitter site, the site will close their 77 years history in March 2009. The site (64 ha) will be converted to factory areas.

Photographs of Nazaki site are showed in "Research of Nazaki Transmitter Site" HP (in Japanese) at
http://homepage2.nifty.com/nazaki-tx1/WEB/INDEX1.htm
(Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan, Nov 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And here:
http://wikimapia.org/5209322/Nazaki-Radio-Transmitter-Site
along with coordinates 36 10'40"N 139 51'5"E which puts it just N of Tokyo on Honshu (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. Listening to World Interactive, Sat Nov 15 at 1410 on NHKWNRJ via Sackville, 11705, this time with considerable pre-echo via Yamata direct. This time the relay cut off at 1429* before the outro announcement about when the next English broadcast would be, 2200. That uncovered a good signal from Yamata with the announcement unimpeded (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) gd

21560, FRANCE. R Japan (via Issoudun), 1420, 11/13/08, English. An

interview with a Japanese schoolteacher who went on a humanitarian mission to Laos. Fair (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JORDAN. Hi folks, A photo image of the Jordanian SW transmitter site of 'Al Karanah' has appeared on Google Earth. See it below
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/12229020
Regards (Ian Baxter, Australia, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. Re DXLD 8-116. I had also my doubts on this 'glitch' log entry: ``U S A. 9974.97, KVOH Rancho Simi poor at 0725 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Oct 28 and/or 29, southern Germany, BC-DX Nov 4 via DXLD)

?? They have not been active on this frequency for years, tho it keeps appearing in registrations, currently 0100-0800. Any ID or definitive programming in Spanish? Nothing else is listed on 9975 at that time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` - -

9974.98 kHz noted from KRE at 0740 UT today Nov 13, definitely Russian language logged, as well as martial shrill women chorus noted in between. So checked 9975v the time slot 7-8 UT on Nov 12 and 13 again: it was my fault. Tiny Voice of Korea Pyongyang in Russian 7-9 UT noted today as scheduled, and - maybe - Korean at 1000-1100 UT to. Tiny signal, due of 028 or 119 degrees bearing from Pyongyang KRE (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 9335, V of Korea, 1315, English. Male announcer with a discourse about how NK socialism welcomes all believers, etc., etc., with plenty of shout-outs to homeboy Kim Jong-il. Nothing heard on listed // 11710. Some fades, else good.

9665.56, KCBS-Pyongyang, 1305, 11/14/08, Korean. Mostly instrumental selections of orchestral music and communist opera with female vocals. Fair/good (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 3250 and 3320 logs: mixed in with PAPUA NEW GUINEA

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 3985, Echo of Hope (presumed), 1446, Nov 13, in Korean, heavy jamming, // 6003 (light-moderate jamming and QRM from Voice of Russia on 6005) and 6348 (also jammed). Have never been able to hear the listed CNR-2/CBR on 3985 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze, *1400-1430*, Nov 14, in English, "Today's News Flash", "Today's News on North Korean Issues", almost all the items dealing with the possibility of Kim Jong Il being sick, heard with very heavy accent, the canned IDs are somewhat clearer, fair. Seems that the segment in French is permanently gone. Still hearing Anthem, followed by reciting from the

Qur'an, in Arabic, after Shiokaze goes off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7515, Open R. for North Korea, Nov 05 *1300-1310, 44444 Korean, 1300 sign on with opening music, ID, News and talk.

11560, R. Free Chosun, Nov 05 *1200-1210, 44444, Korean, 1200 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk.

11640, V. of Wilderness, Nov 05 *1300-1310, 45433, Korean, 1300 sign on with opening music, ID, Song, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD)

Japan, 11640, V. Wilderness. 16/11 1355 talks by OM in Korean , intense voicing. 1356 with a song then opera on 1358 S7 42x33 possible DRM in the freq? (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This is via ARMENIA, not Japan, tho it may originate there (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. New 9965.00, *1300-1330* CLANDESTINE, 13 + 15.11 North Korean Reform R, via Taipei (presumed), Korean announcement, talk, interlude music, deep fades, 23222, QRM RTB, Wavre in French (QSA 4) . On 15.11 both stations had QSA 3! On the air daily.

New 9965.00, 1350-1400* CLANDESTINE Friday 14.11, Furusato no Kaze, via Taipei (presumed), Japanese talk, music at close, deep fades 25232. On the air 1330-1400 Su/Mo/We/Fr.

New 9965.00, *1332-1345 fade out, CLANDESTINE, Sat 15.11, Imbon-e Baram (Nippon no Kaze in Japanese), Korean, clear ID: "Imbon-e Baram" at start, announcement with instrumental music in the background, interview, 35343 deteriorating. On the air 1330-1400 Tu/Th/Sa. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

9965 is at 2 degrees from Taiwan at 13-14 only; 9965 is also available to `KHBN` straight thru from 06 to 18, but since VTC brokers both sites, I assume they avoid conflict (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As of Nov. 17:

Furusato no Kaze
1333-1357 9965(Japanese) via TWN (ex. Japanese/Nippon no Kaze Korean)
1430-1500 9880(Japanese) via DRW
1600-1630 9780(Japanese) via TWN

Nippon no Kaze

1500-1530 9690(Korean) via DRW
1530-1557 9965(Korean) via PLW T8WH (New)
1700-1730 9820(Korean) via TWN

Free North Korea Radio
1100-1200 11750 via TWN (ex. 1000-1100)
1400-1600 7585 via TAC
1900-2100 7530 via ERV ---- de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Nov 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 11675 still R Kuwait in Ar 7-8 UT, \\ 15495. Someone checked the latest R KWT schedule recently???? Is AOKI list correct on this matter? 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B˚schel, Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Wolfy and Glenn, Re KWT - no, EiBi hasn't got the sched correct. 11675 as we know goes till 0900 at least. I don't hear English on 15115, and the afternoon Arabic is intermittent. 15505 isn't heard at any time. I assume 11630 replaces it. There is no longer any transmission on 17885 - did I read somewhere that Pilipino is now on 11630? 15495 is heard until around 0900 but I do not hear it at 1800. Propagation or not on?

I don't have the exact times of 13620, but I've heard it after 1000 - it has a break after 1300 - but it's on again now at 1520, and goes til around 1700. 11990 comes up as early as 1745 on occasions, and has been heard to close after Urdu - probably because that's being broadcast domestically at that hour, and not meant as a SW service. English at 1800 of course. 9855 starts around 1800. There seems no DRM currently.

Maybe Glenn can try 11675 to check what time it starts - 2200 or maybe later. Propagation here is doubtful (Noel Green, England, ibid.)

Re Kuwait:

here is the latest A08 season file, updated to tentative B08 schedule by wb File needs further monitoring and discussion. 73 wb

RADIO KUWAIT (Gov) kHz: 6055, 9750, 9855, 9880, 11675, 11990, 13620, 15110, 15495, 15505, 17885

Summer Schedule 2008
Arabic Days Area kHz
0145-0400 daily ME 6055kbd
[B08 0145-0500 6055]

0200-0930 daily ME, NAf 15495kbd
[B08 0200-0500 13670]

[B08 0500-1305 15495]

0300-0700 daily NAm 11675kbd
[B08 0300-0900 11675 AM mode]

[B08 0400-0745 IRQ, IRN 15505]

0400-0800 daily ME 6055kbd+
[B08 0500-0900 6055 or 9465 or 13670 or 13815 +DRM]

0800-1305 daily ME 6055kbd
[B08 0900-1305 6055 or 7250 or 13670]

0915-1315 daily Eu,NAm 13620kbd+
[B08 0905-1400 13620 or 13860 +DRM]

1015-1745 daily CAf 15505kbd*

[B08 1005-1745/1800 15505 or 17725]
or
[B08 0900-1300 13670
1305-1745/1800 15505 or 17725]

1200-1505 daily FE,Pac 17885kbd*
[B08 1210-1505 11685 or 17885]

[B08 1315-1800 15110 SoAS,SoEaAS]

1315-2115 daily NAf 9880kbd+
[B08 1415-2115 9880 or 13860 +DRM]

1515-1800 daily Eu,NAm 13620kbd
[B08 1615-2100 13620]

1800-2130 daily Eu,NAm 15505kbd - delete

1800-2400 daily CAf 15495kbd

1800-2400 daily Eu,NAm 9855kbd
[B08 1815-2400 9855]

2200-0300 daily NAm 11675kbd+
[B08 2200-0455 UT 11605+ or 11675+ or 13580+ +DRM]

English Days Area kHz
0500-0800 daily SoAS, SoEaAS 15110kbd
[B08 0500-0930 11790 or 15110]

1800-2100 daily Eu, NAm 11990kbd
[B08 1745-2130 11845 or 11990] {really on 11990}

Filipino Days Area kHz
1000-1200 daily PHL 17885kbd
[B08 11685 or 17885]

Persian Days Area kHz
0800-1000 daily ME 9750kbd
[B08 7230 or 7250]

Key: + DRM 120 kW; * Holy Quran program (R Kuwait coloured leaflet, via Peter Boeck-D, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 16, 2008) http://www.moinfo.gov.kw/ (Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re Kuwait - I have again checked 17885 and 15505 today, and neither of them are audible. But at 1130 I can now hear 11630 with Koran under CNR-8 in Uighur. It wasn't audible at 1030, so could have just begun to fade in. The Pilipino programme should be on air at 1000-1200, so either it's been retimed or dropped.

13620 was on air at 1000 but no trace of 15495 or 15115 then.

I have checked 9880, 11685, 13670 (after about 0700), 13815, 13860 and 17725 several times but have not heard KWT - and no DRM. 6055 I have never heard - it must fade out in the UK before 0600, and never heard at 1300 either. As far as I'm aware, the Irani programme is using 7250 - I'll try to remember to check this again tomorrow. 73 from (Noel Green, England, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. Hmong Lao Radio via WHRI, 11785, Sat Nov 15 until 1500, no break for ID, and immediately into Hmong World Christian Radio for another semi-hour, including website http://www.hwcr.us where we see it is a.k.a. Voice of Hope, a slightly overused slogan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LATVIA. 9290, Latvia Today (finally!!) heard at 1413 on 16 Nov [Sunday] with some rock music, station IDs by OM and talk by a YL. Signal was extremely weak and only faded up occasionally but finally enough to get details for QSL. I had to use synchronous detection. For me this is really rare, and I am quite pleased.

9290, R. Waves International relay heard at 1516 on 18 Nov with pop music and talks by male DJ with station IDs. Much lower modulation and signal strength than Latvia Today beforehand, but I still think I got enough details for a QSL. Again had to use synchronous detection. 73s de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/

Randomwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 6070, ELWA; 2146-2202+, 15-Nov; Lite & rousing Gospel tunes; ELWA ID break at 2200+ between tunes. Poor & need LSB to avoid DW (presumed) in German on 6075. Only the Windshield Wiper Synchronization Service on 4760. Tuned back at 2225 to find strong Radio Romania Int'l in Spanish. RRI went off at 2257, but nothing there (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** LIBYA. V. of Africa, in English, Nov 14 at 1418 much better on 21695 than // 17725, robotic declarations from the self-assured Qaddafi spoxeman, about African development, SÈnÈgal, mentioning several alfabetical UN agencies; at the moment was also strongest station on 13m, with Spain 21610 soon gaining on it. At 1446 recheck, 21695 was down below the level of 17725 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21695. LJB Voice of Africa, 1425, 11/13/08, English. A female announcer holding forth about an African Union summit and what it meant for the unity of Africa. Somewhat muffled audio. Fair/poor (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

V. of Africa, 17725, talk on the geography of Senegal, Nov 18 at 1525; then at 1531 ID for Voice of Africa from the Great Jamahiriyah, with frequencies, 21695 to E Africa, and 17860 to C Africa! Another studio which doesn`t even know the frequency in use by the transmitter. Then report on the activities of the Leader of the Revolution. Yawn! 1536, I checked 17860 and found something in Swahili, i.e. Channel Africa, South Africa as scheduled (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. Latest Construction News --- In Madagascar, a sesquimile road and sesquimile of fence has been built and a staff home, guard house, generator building and a few tool buildings have been constructed. The transmitter building which will contain three 100,000 transmitters is almost completed. Those 3 transmitters will soon be shipped to Madagascar and from the diesel powered generators will send the broadcasts from the antennas that are also being built. The towers are up and the wire will begin to be stretched in January 2009 (Nov Church Bulletin, World Christian Broadcasting via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

Earlier plans were for FOUR transmitters with ``FM-like`` DRM capability (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. V of Malaysia B-08 external services with kW, azimuths:

ENGLISH
0230-0330 15295 250 133
0300-0830 9750 100 150
0330-0930 15295 250 133
1200-1300 15295 250 133

INDONESIAN/MALAY
1200-1800 9750 100 150

CHINESE
1200-1300 11885 100 25
          15295 250 133

ABABIC/MALAY
1600-1800 15295 250 295
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.60v, Suara Islam/Voice of Islam, at 1536, Nov 17 (Mon.), in vernacular, segment with news about universities in Malaysia (a regular feature on Monday at this time), nice singing "Malaysia" jingle (a college song?), fair. This is the lowest frequency I have measured for them (usually about .63). Have posted the audio in "Station Sounds".

15295, Suara Malaysia/Voice of Malaysia, 1703-1733, Nov 18, in vernacular, items about Bangladesh & Malaysian trade, about the Malaysian Congress, pop music, strong signal but somewhat over modulated, have never heard them this well before. Just conditions? At 1729 started mixing with HCJB, which signed-on, Suara Malaysia somewhat stronger (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. XEQM: Escuchada hoy 0100 a 0120 UT en los 6105 kHz con un SINPO de 3. Programa informativo y de comentarios hasta las 0107 en que iniciÛ programa musical de tipo tropical. La mejor escucha desde que reiniciÛ emisiones hace unos meses.

Me comuniquÈ con el Ing. Orlando Balam, encargado tÈcnico en RASA Yucat·n, quien me informÛ que el dÌa de hoy realizaron algunos cambios y mejoras en el transmisor - cambio de un b˙lbo o v·lvula - con lo cual la mejora fuÈ considerable. Transmiten las 24 horas y por el momento se enlazan con "Candela" tanto FM como OM - 970 kHz - frecuencias del mismo grupo con contenido informativo y musical y que transmiten en "combo". 73¥s (Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, DF, UT Sept 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Desde hace unos meses se pudo advertir que habÌa "algo" en los 6105 kHz; despuÈs de algunos intentos se logrÛ captar tanto en MÈxico como

en EEUUA que se trataba de XEQM "Candela" de MÈrida, Yucat·n. Sin embargo la seÒal era muy baja y poco distinguible el contenido tanto hablado como musical.

Me comuniquÈ con el Ing. Bernardo Laris RodrÌguez, director del "Sistema RASA Yucat·n" concesionario entre otras de la mencionada frecuencia. Conversamos y me hizo saber que era su deseo estar de nuevo con buena presencia en la onda corta.

El pasado dÌa 14 de noviembre la seÒal se mejorÛ substancialmente y la captÈ como nunca la habÌa escuchado aquÌ en la Ciudad de MÈxico. De nuevo me comuniquÈ al "Sistema RASA MÈrida" y tuve la oportunidad de hablar con los Ings. Balam y Moreno, encargados tÈcnicos de las emisoras RASA en Yucat·n.

Me informaron que le habÌan hecho una serie de mejoras y cambios al transmisor, mismo que es de "fabricaciÛn casera" y con m·s de treinta aÒos, lo que complica el conseguir refacciones. La potencia de dicho trasmisor es de 250 vatios, tiene una antena dipolo cortada a un cuarto de onda (12 m., 6 m. por lado) a una altura de 18 m. y con orientaciÛn Norte - Sur.

La programaciÛn es tomada del "combo" XHMH FM 95.3 MHz y OM XEMH 970 kHz denominado "Candela" que b·sicamente es de contenido noticioso y musical emitiendo las 24 hrs. del dÌa.

Recordamos que hace unos aÒos la XEQM 6105 kHz estaba en paralelo con la onda media XEMQ 810 kHz y se llamaba "Tus Panteras". El plan para la programaciÛn de XEQM es tomar de nuevo la seÒal de XEMQ 810 kHz llamada ahora en lengua maya "Radio YoÛl Õik" que en castellano signifÌca: "Esencia del Viento", proyecto que lleva cuatro aÒos al aire con gran Èxito tanto en MÈrida como en otras localidades de Yucat·n, ya que, emite las 24 horas, de las 1100 a las 0100 UT en lengua maya y de las 0100 a las 1100 UT toma la seÒal de XENK "Radio 620" de la Ciudad de MÈxico, estaciÛn insignia de la llamada "Gran Cadena RASA" grupo de los m·s importantes y reconocidos en la Rep˙blica Mexicana.

Sin embargo, existen algunos problemas tÈcnicos para el enlace entre la XEMQ 810 kHz y la XEQM 6105 kHz, ya que no est·n ubicadas en la misma planta transmisora, debido a que el "Sistema RASA Yucat·n" cuenta con cuatro sitios en MÈrida, Yucat·n en donde se encuentran sus antenas de FM, OM y OC.

Me parece de un gran interÈs cultural que esta emisiÛn biling¸e - maya, castellano - de la XEMQ 810 kHz se emita a travÈs de la onda corta XEQM 6105 kHz; cabe recordar que existen muchos maya hablantes en los estados mexicanos de Yucat·n, Campeche, Quintana Roo, Tabasco y

Chiapas, asi como en Guatemala, Belice y Honduras.

El contenido program·tico de "YoÛl Õik" es noticioso, familiar y musical con su "slogan" que en castellano serÌa "Mi Voz a travÈs del Viento".

Felicidades a Bernardo Laris, quien mostrÛ su interÈs en la onda corta dese el aÒo 2000 cuando nos acompaÒÛ en el encuentro "diexista" mexicano en Oaxaca, Oaxaca, y quien busca por diversos medios mantener viva la frecuencia de los 6105 kHz y darle un contenido interesante, atractivo y cultural. Asimismo felicidades al tÈcnico encargado de la reparaciÛn del equipo Mario Alberto PÈrez GÛmez, y Luis Orlando Balam Gonz·lez, encargado tÈcnico, por sus esfuerzos para mantener lo mejor posible el equipo de transmisiÛn con que se cuenta (Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, DF, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Amigos: en la conversaciÛn que sostuve con el Ing. Orlando Balam acordaron recibir informes de recepciÛn y contestar con prontitud a los mismos enviando carta QSL y alg˙n recuerdo de la emisora. Los informes deben hacersele llegar por correo electrÛnico a: el director, Ing. Bernardo Laris RodrÌguez bernardo @ rasayucatan.com con copia al Ing. encargado tÈcnico, Luis Orlando Balam Gonz·lez, tecnico @ rasayucatan.com Y por correo postal a la siguiente direcciÛn:
Sistema RASA Yucat·n
"Edificio Publicentro"
Calle 62 No. 508
Centro
97000 - MÈrida, YUC. M…XICO

[Luego:] Me ha informado el Ing. Bernardio Laris que XEQM est· de las 1100 a las 0500 UT; le he propuesto que mejor el horario sea de las 2200 a las 1600 UT. "Candela" OM y FM sÌ est·n las 24 horas. 73¥s (Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, Nov 18, ibid.) No point being on between 0745 and 1045 as I explain below (gh)

6104.91, Candela FM (presumed), 1356 talk by M in definite Spanish. Better on 50 than on the 0 BOG. Difficult audio at this time even with AGC off. Music bridge at 1358, then W, and weak carrier popped up on 6105. Could definitely tell this was in Spanish but impossible to copy an ID. Brief canned announcement at 1359. A little stronger on peak at 1400 with alternating M and W and then rock music bridge at 1401 followed by M again. Still going past 1500!! Pretty slick professional programming from what it sounded like. (14 Nov.)

6104.95, Candela FM, 1156 possible canned ID promo by M. 1157 W ID and definite ment of Mexico. Shortly later, a nice "Candela!!" ID. Came back at 1226 and promptly heard another simple "Candela" ID. I'm surprised I haven't heard this before. Seemed fairly easy. (15 Nov.)

(Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD)

Glenn, I am not sure yet, but I think that Mexican on 6104.90 kHz is active rite now (0135 UT). [Later:] can you hear that Mexican I mentioned on 6104.9 now (0152 UT)? I missed any ID's if there were any? They are talking too fast for me (Chuck Bolland, FL, UT Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Sorry, was not available to listen then (gh)

6104.9, Candela FM, MÈrida [positive ID by Dave Valko] is on almost 24 hours a day with distorted signal with numerous IDs some mentioning MÈrida. From 12 to 15 November has been blasting into Cedar Key as well and Chuck Bolland's QTH. "....FM... La Radio Yucat·n..." one ID, Coca Cola ads; "... radio en MÈrida..", ".... La Voz de la Capital.." Odd? Signal at 1400 very strong with other Mexican on 6045t. [XEXQ Radio Universidad, San Luis PotosÌ] noted 1200 with very weak classical. 14 November. Tnx also to Dan Sheedy (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach Florida, Icom 746 Pro and NRD535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos Juli·n, saludos amigos diexistas, Entrando por Venezuela la XEQM con seÒal bastante aceptable. Est·n colocando mucha m˙sica mexicana norteÒa estilo Los Tigres del Norte. TambiÈn est·n haciendo transmisiones desde diversas partes porque est·n realizando un concurso musical en la casa de la cultura de MÈrida. Acaban de identificar a CANDELA. atte: (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, Nov 19 noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

RASA MÈrida is operating 24h on 6105v according to Bob Wilkner in FL, but I haven`t had much luck hearing it here. Until Nov 17 at the unlikely hour of 0721 when I was getting vocal music in Spanish, some distortion, peaking S9+5 between fades completely down, presumably this. A few minutes later I was hearing instead the TWR IS, and English. Looked up later, I see that is via Nauen from 0745 at 285 degrees until 0920, and furthermore WYFR is on 6105 from 0800 to 1045, so don`t expect XE in the clear again until after that (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6105 CANDELA. Merida, Mexico. 1230-1310 Nov 16. M˙sica tropical con cumbia de la Sonora "Margarita"; entre cada cancion "...Candela..." Anuncio de concurso de Coca Cola y la emisora via mensajes de texto. Adem·s del Gobierno Federal y la credencial para votar. "...970 AM Candela... emisora del Sistema RASA, la radio de Yucat·n..." (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Fomeque, Cundinamarca - COLOMBIA, SONY 2010, Dipolo de 15 metros, playdx yg via DXLD)

RASA MÈrida, 6105, slightly on the low side, but not as low as 6104.9, Nov 19 at 1350 with continuous discussion in Spanish; never could get

a definite ID or local mention, so presumed. Obliterated by abrupt *1400 VOA in Chinese which is Tinang at 330 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FIRST STN TO XMT IN MAYAN? Thanks to Julian Santiago Diez de Bonilla, reporting in Condiglist, I sent an email report to one of the station's technicians, with info and an MP3 recording of my logging on 11/16, Sunday morning 0545-0615 with Mexican music, talk program, phone calls from listeners. Signal greatly improved from previous spotty, distorted receptions. Report sent to Ing. L. Orlando Gonzalez Balam at tecnico@rasayucatan.com

This brought an email reply in several hours from Orlando who reports the following. This station, formerly relaying XEMQ 810 kHz when it was called Tus Panteras, had the SW call XEQM. And in fact, it still has those call letters for the MW and SW outlets, respectively. But 810 kHz now broadcastws in the Mayan language as Radio Yoo'l I'ik, which translates as the Essence of the Wind. Its slogan is "in t'aan tu yool iik," which translates, in Spanish, to ``mi voz a traves del viento" or "my voice through the wind."

XEQM, the SW transmitter soon will retransmit Radio Yool Iik but currently cannot for technical reasons -- not entirely clear, but apparently because of some physical separation between the MW and SW transmitters. Right now, the program feed on 6104.9 (nominal 6105) is from FMer, XHMH, "La Candela." The original XEQM, still in use, was homebuilt, and there have been problems getting repair parts. The power is 250 watts to a quarter-wave dipole antenna. All the stations are part of a major Mexican network of stations called Gran Cadena RASA. My thanks to Orlando for all the information (Don Jensen, WI, NASWA, Nov 19 via DXLD)

Not at all --- even if you are referring to SW only, some of the Guatemalans have broadcast in Mayan altho maybe different dialects (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MEXICO. It`s been a few weeks now since I have been able to confirm XEXQ is active on 6045, in morningly 49m bandscans around 1330-1430. About all I can detect is a carrier, which could be from Asia, and the adjacent channel 6040 is getting stronger. Has anyone heard tell-tale classical music at this or other times recently on 6045? Or at least Spanish, excluding KBS via Canada at 0600-0629?

Finally able to confirm XEXQ still active on 6045, Nov 19 at 1345 with a few biggest hits of classical music barely audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non]. 9800, TWR Europe, via Monte Carlo [sic], 0755-0810,

Oct 28, IS, English talk and songs, 33333. IS of TWR-Europe via Monte Carlo is select passages from the Monacan national anthem (Tomoaki Wagai, Wakayama, Japan, DSWCI DX Window Nov 12 via DXLD)

9800, MONACO, TWR Fontbonne, 0838-0850*, Nov 11, English. Usual religious fare; new program at 0845; U.K. TWR contact info and URL; IS at sign-off; fair; // 6015 Wertachtal-good; running about one second behind (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, N.H., USA, R8, R75, CLR/DSP, MLB1, 200' Bevs, 60m Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 9730.79, Myanma R., 1504-1534*, Nov 12, long series of equations with some English words, short introduction to program in vernacular, into all English, with language lesson ("This talk is for first year students at the University of Ö" [must be a local Myanmar college], "China exported tea for many years, ... The students have done their homework, Ö Myanmar exports rice, Ö has moved to Mandalay", etc.), off without the usual indigenous music, fair to poor, recently heard slightly higher than normal (.77). Their sign-off times vary a lot (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. DUTCH CLASSICAL MUSIC CHANNEL THREATENED WITH CLOSURE BECAUSE ITíS TOO POPULAR!

Rolf den Otter writes: A bizarre situation has developed in the Netherlands. Everywhere in the world, classical broadcasters are shutting down, because of falling listening figures. In the Netherlands however, the Concertzender, which many of you might know because of its splendid Internet channels, has to shut down because it has become too popular! . . .
http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/dutch-classical-music-channel-threatened-with-closure-because-its-too-popular
(November 16th, 2008 - 11:59 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. While waiting for peaks in Radio St. Helena's signal today (15 Nov 2008) I also was listening to the following. Since neither station directly targets NAm any more, these are possibilities:

11655, R. Netherlands Worldwide in English via Madagascar from 2000 to 2100 targeted to WAf, very good (S8 and clear channel) with their excellent "The State We're In" about the right to die with dignity, border walls/fences, etc. Signal stayed solid throughout (Paul Brouillette, Geneva, IL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [non!]. Netherlands Antilles to net new DXCC Entities for 2008. Over the past year much discussion has been made

about the possibility of new DXCC entities happening once the break-up/disbanding of the Netherlands Antilles takes effect on December 15th, 2008. This past week, the President of European DX Foundation (EUDXF), Hans, PB2T, who visited ARRL HQ in July and had a discussion about the DXCC status of Netherlands Antilles, feels that after December 15th, 2008, it looks like four new entities will be added to the DXCC list in the future (CuraÁao, Sint Maarten, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Bonaire). [IQ8OM] (I.C.P.O. Bulletin (November 13 - 21, 2008) "Islands, Castles & Portable Operations", via editor Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD) Aruba already being separate (gh)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. Radio New Zealand International (RNZI) has changed its frequency for their English Transmission to Asia, Papua New Guinea etc during 1100 to 1300 UT from 13840 to 13660 kHz (via Rangitaiki, 50 kW perhaps).The frequency was changed due to co-channel interference of Polish Radio's Russian Service (via Wertachtal, Germany) on 13840 at 1200 UT as per information provided by Adrian Sailsbury of RNZI in the latest edition of RNZI's DXProgramme, Mailbox. Thanking You, Yours Faithfully (Gautam Kumar Sharma, P O Abhayapuri (Assam), PIN 783384 (India), Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNZI made a sudden frequency change at 11-13, from 13840 to 13660, but showed on their website schedule grid that 13660 ran another hour until 14 (times rounded off). That would have meant two AM frequencies at once along with 6170, which would be unusual but possible since that`s during the break in DRM service and the DRM transmitter can also operate on AM. However, the extra hour was contrary to what Adrian Sainsbury mentioned on Mailbox, and as of 1530 UT Nov 13, that portion of the sked had been corrected to show:

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1059-1158 13660 AM 9870 DRM NW Pacific, Bougainville, PNG, Timor Daily
1158-1258 13660 AM          NW Pacific, Bougainville, PNG, Timor Daily
1300-1550  6170 AM          Pacific Daily
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Good thing it is not really on 13660 during the 13 hour, because when I checked Nov 13 at 1345 there was a good signal in Russian, i.e. R. Liberty via Lampertheim (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZI, 11725, Nov 15 at 0657 starting playing Copland`s Fanfare for the Common Man, then cut it off after a few notes for frequency change announcement to 9765, Bell Bird, and off. How rude! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. SACAN DEL AIRE A RADIO CORPORACI”N--- INTERFIEREN SUS SE—ALES AM Y FM --- Yader Luna

El director de Radio CorporaciÛn, Fabio Gadea Mantilla, denunciÛ que desde las tres de la tarde de ayer, esa emisora fue sacada del aire

por un supuesto sabotaje.

ìHay una interferencia en nuestra seÒal que nos sacÛ del aire repentinamente, sin saber por quÈ, pero suponemos que existen tÈcnicos ubanos que con aparatos pudieron intervenir la seÒal de la radioî, denunciÛ Gadea Mantilla.

Dijo tambiÈn que la seÒal fue daÒada minutos antes del programa del comentarista Santiago Aburto.

Este programa y la Radio CorporaciÛn han sido crÌticos del Gobierno del presidente Daniel Ortega.

La seÒal de la Radio CorporaciÛn se transmite en 540 en AM y en 97.5 FM. Ambas seÒales estaban intervenidas ayer.

Gadea Mantilla explicÛ que por la emergencia comenzaron a transmitir con ìmecanismos alternativosî.

ìEstamos transmitiendo con la seÒal de un telÈfono desde el pie de la antenaî, explicÛ.

La antena de transmisiÛn, ubicada en el kilÛmetro 26 de la carretera a Tipitapa, fue saboteada en abril de este aÒo. En este aÒo ha sido saboteada en reiteradas ocasiones, asegurÛ.

Gadea dijo que est·n denunciando el hecho a travÈs de la emisora y anunciÛ que hoy enviar·n una carta al Instituto Nicarag¸ense de Telecomunicaciones (Telcor), para que investigue la interferencia.

Fuente: La Fuente de Nicaragua
http://www.laprensa.com.ni/archivo/2008/noviembre/14/noticias/politica/294895.shtml
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia http://yimber.blogspot.com Nov 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

GOBIERNO SILENCIA A R. CORPORACI”N Y R. 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE
Radios silenciadas --- http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/politica/32423

* En el caso de la 15, hubo advertzencia para que bajara el tono crÌtico contra el gobierno * Ambas emisoras son crÌticas al gobierno
Leyla JarquÌn y Matilde CÛrdoba END - 20:54 - 13/11/2008

Radio 15 de Septiembre y Radio CorporaciÛn est·n fuera del aire, debido a que su frecuencia est· siendo interferida, acciÛn que sÛlo puede hacer el ente regulador, el Instituto Nicarag¸ense de Comunicaciones y Correos (Telcor).

El Director de la Radio 15 de Septiembre, Fernando Avell·n, explicÛ que hay dos transmisores en la misma frecuencia de la estaciÛn, la 1080 kHz, y que por tanto no se puede sintonizar la radio.

Seg˙n Avell·n, hace cuatro dÌas lo llamaron para advertirle que si no dejaban de criticar al Gobierno podrÌa ocurrir esto. El ex diputado agregÛ que est·n preparando una queja para enviarla a Telcor.

CorporaciÛn igual

El gerente de Radio CorporaciÛn, Carlos Gadea, dijo que el motivo de la salida del aire de dicha estaciÛn radial es el mismo de la 15 de Septiembre, pero que desconocen de dÛnde proviene. Sin embargo, Gadea seÒalÛ que ìes con una modalidad sofisticadaî.

La licencia de ambas radios vence en enero del prÛximo aÒo. Igual que la del Canal 2 de televisiÛn.

Ayer, a eso de las 3 p.m., hora en que se transmite el programa de opiniÛn del periodista Santiago Aburto, saliÛ del aire Radio CorporaciÛn en sus dos frecuencias, 540 en AM y 97.5 en FM.

Gadea asegurÛ que ìlas dos est·n funcionando normal, pero sin sonido, entonces quiere decir que alguien nos est· interfiriendo, pero no puedo acusar a nadie de tener aparatos de esa naturaleza para podernos interferirî.

ìPueda ser que alguien tenga algunos aparatos que trabajen la misma frecuencia y si se poner cerquita de nuestro enlace puede bloquear la transmisiÛnî, agregÛ.

Telcor no explica

La relacionista p˙blica de Telcor, Silma Quintanilla, no supo explicar las razones por las que ambas radios est·n fuera del aire y pidiÛ que dirigieran una carta al ¡rea de AtenciÛn a Usuarios.

Seg˙n el director de Radio CorporaciÛn, Èsta es la primera vez en su historia que salen del aire por una interferencia de este tipo. Asegura que en este aÒo salieron de aire cinco veces, pero fue por actos vand·licos o por fan·ticos que no simpatizan con lo que ellos transmiten, pues en esas ocasiones sÛlo les robaban parte del aro de cobre nuevo, cuya funciÛn es la de conectar la seÒal de radiofrecuencia que sale de la caja de sintonÌa y se transmite hacia la torre ubicada en El Crucero.

Adem·s, agregÛ que todas las conexiones est·n bien, pues los tÈcnicos de la radio se encargÛ de verificar que el equipo de transmisiÛn se

encuentra en perfecto estado (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, Nov 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Hope all is well. This came out today in El Mundo, here in Madrid. It's been a long time since I've of a case of domestic jamming. Best (Marty Delfin, Spain, Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

EN MANAGUA
LA OPOSICI”N DENUNCIA INTERFERENCIAS CONTRA EMISORAS QUE CRITICAN AL GOBIERNO DE NICARAGUA Actualizado s·bado 15/11/2008 13:22 (CET) EFE

MANAGUA.- El candidato liberal a vicealcalde de Managua, Enrique QuiÒonez, ha denunciado interferencias contra Radio CorporaciÛn y Radio 15 de Septiembre, emisoras muy crÌticas con el Gobierno que preside el sandinista Daniel Ortega.

En rueda de prensa junto al candidato liberal a la alcaldÌa de Managua, Eduardo Montealegre, QuiÒonez ha declarado que las interferencias las ha realizado el Instituto Nicarag¸ense de Telecomunicaciones (TELCOR), organismo que regula este sector.
Ha agregado que el Gobierno tiene dos camionetas con unas antenas para captar seÒales de satÈlite "y para triangular las seÒales" de las dos emisoras, que afrontan problemas para emitir sus programas.

Desde el miÈrcoles, aÒade, interfirieron las seÒales de Radio 15 de Septiembre, y sostiene que esa situaciÛn se mantiene, por lo que esta emisora de radio tiene problemas para emitir sus programas.

En el caso de Radio CorporaciÛn, ha declarado que est· transmitiendo de forma clandestina, por lo que sale al aire espor·dicamente, lo que considerÛ "grave".

QuiÒonez ha advertido al Gobierno de que "estas interferencias" no van a detener a la oposiciÛn "porque gracias a la tecnologÌa en este paÌs no necesitamos la radio para tomar un celular y llamar a nuestros correligionarios en cualquier lugar de Nicaragua". (via Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Nov 15, DXLD) Shouldn`t that be QuiÒÛnez? (gh)

Hi Glenn, Yes, it should be, but then again putting the accents on a name really depends on the person. I use an accent on my last name but my brother in Houston doesn't for pronunciation purposes in southeast Texas. Go figure! And then again, the Web site people at El PaÌs and El Mundo sometimes have to put the news in so fast that they forget the accents (Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, ibid.)

GRUPO ARMADO CON AK DESTRUY” TRES RADIOEMISORAS EN LE”N

Represalia de orteguistas porque aprovechando que sus turbas andaban

en Managua, liberales marcharon por las calles

*** Unos cuarenta sujetos incursionaron en instalaciones de Radio DarÌo, donde adem·s desbarataron equipos de las radios Metro Stereo y Caricias *** Golpearon a los trabajadores y los amenazaron de muerte, y destruyeron computadoras, sillas, persianas, y rafaguearon la cabina de transmisiÛn --- JOS… LUIS GONZ¡LEZ END - 22:50 - 18/11/2008

LE”N --- Un grupo de simpatizantes del partido de gobierno, encapuchados, con armas de fuego, garrotes y morteros, penetrÛ a las instalaciones de Radio DarÌo, en el reparto Posada del Sol, en LeÛn. A las 5:50 minutos de la tarde burlaron a dos antimotines que resguardaban la empresa, y posteriormente golpearon al controlista Carlos S·nchez, y destruyeron completamente los equipos tÈcnicos de la radio.

El ataque se dio en presunta represalia porque aprovechando que los v·ndalos leoneses que asolan la Ciudad Universitaria andaban operando en Managua, el candidato del PLC, Ariel Ter·n, sin protecciÛn policial y con el respaldo de al menos 200 personas, recorriÛ a pie las calles del municipio de LeÛn, a las cuatro de la tarde.

Uno de los trabajadores de la empresa identificÛ al diputado del FSLN, Filiberto RodrÌguez, como el jefe del operativo vand·lico, junto a m·s de 40 hombres que se trasladaban en camionetas con el logotipo del Poder Ciudadano.

Cuando se produjo el acto terrorista, ˙nicamente se encontraban siete empleados de CorporaciÛn Radios de Occidente (Radio DarÌo, Metro Stereo y Caricias). Los equipos de las tres emisoras fueron destruidos completamente y los daÒos materiales son cuantiosos.

Ya lo esperaban

Juan JosÈ ToruÒo, propietario de Radio DarÌo en LeÛn, manifestÛ que este tipo de vandalismo ya se lo esperaban. ìYa sabemos cÛmo act˙an los del Frente Sandinista, en el pasado igual sucediÛ, destruyeron, desbarataron y golpearon a personas indefensasî, dijo.

Los trabajadores que se encontraban en el lugar denunciaron ante las autoridades policiales que m·s de 40 personas se bajaron de varias camionetas, y en fracciones de segundos encaÒonaron con fusiles AK a los antimotines y a los trabajadores.

Carlos S·nchez, controlista de turno de la emisora, fue golpeado con la cacha de una pistola, le rompieron la boca y lo amenazaron de muerte; despuÈs procedieron a golpear a los dem·s trabajadores y destruyeron computadoras, sillas, persianas y rafaguearon la cabina de

transmisiÛn.

Las tres radioemisoras se encuentran fuera del aire. ìNosotros ya sabemos que no les gusta que le digan la verdad y por eso proceden al vandalismo, nosotros ya sabemos cÛmo opera el FSLN, y no es de extraÒarse, estamos en manos de ellos porque no podemos hacer absolutamente nadaî, dijo ToruÒo, tras asegurar que van a seguir trabajando, y en los prÛximos dÌas restablecer·n los equipos de transmisiÛn.

No es la primera vez que atentan contra Radio DarÌo. En el gobierno de Violeta Barrios, la empresa radial fue atacada cuatro veces, y con el gobierno del FSLN en los aÒos 80, tambiÈn fue destruida.

ìLo que estamos observando es un acto terrorista, un acto infame, cuyo ˙nico objetivo es callar y ponerle una mordaza a la libertad de expresiÛn, y no se dan cuenta de que no se trata de callar o de cerrar un medio, no se dan cuenta de que hay un pueblo que est· observando y dispuesto a llegar a las ˙ltimas consecuenciasî, aseverÛ ToruÒo, quien agregÛ que con este acto vand·lico quedan desempleados m·s de 25 personas.

Alejandra Barrios, trabajadora del ·rea administrativa en Radio DarÌo, describiÛ que los antisociales, identificados con camisetas alusivas al partido de gobierno, se bajaron de camionetas, ingresaron a la empresa, golpearon a los controlistas y rafaguearon los equipos tÈcnicos.

DestacÛ que los simpatizantes del FSLN se llevaron documentos confidenciales de la empresa radial. ìAfortunadamente no se encontraban los dueÒos de la emisora, porque esta gente hubiera sido capaz de matarlos, tenÌan garrotes, tubos, escopetas y morterosî, afirmÛ Barrios, quien se encontraba sumamente nerviosa. Fuente: http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/32809 (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 4770 at 0509 12 Nov, talks by OM, S4 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 9690, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu. November 12, Hausa (scheduled) 0816-0821 many male mentions of "Nigeria", tribal music. Better than logged Oct-29, 33423 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. Re 8-117, Aso Radio: ``New cland; what`s its beef? (gh)``

I think it¥s more likely what is called a "other target broadcast" in WRTH, than a clandestine, as the station seems to be active on FM in Nigeria. On the TDP Website there¥s a link to
http://www.asoradioonline.com/
73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, Nov 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re Aso Radio: This station was observed signing-on at 1600 UT today, starting with its drumming interval signal then announcement in Hausa, monitored and recorded via Global Tuners Athens receiver. You can hear this audio clip on the Station Sounds section of dxldyg, and it will appear in due course on the Interval Signals Online website.

Airtime broker TDP lists this programme as 1600-1645 UT Monday-Friday, although Finnish DXer Mauno Ritola sent me a clip recorded yesterday at 1646-1654, so presumably the nominal duration is one hour.

TDP has a link to Aso Radio's website at
http://www.asonradioonline.com
though the site doesn't have any audio, nor any mention of this broadcast (David Kernick, UK, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi David, Thank you for sharing the great audio clip. Enjoyable listening! Assume Aso has something to do with Aso Rock, which is a large outcrop of rocks near Abuja, the capital of Nigeria. BTW: Website that worked for me is http://asoradioonline.com/ Thanks again for the audio! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, USA, ibid.)

Glenn: Aso Radio is a new government-owned station in Abuja, Nigeria. RMI produced a series of jingles for them. Jeff White, RMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The about-us page on their website indicates it was founded by former government people, but seems to be a private station now (gh to Jeff)

Glenn: As I read it, and from what their people told me, it is a government station. It may be a limited liability company, but the major shareholders seem to be government entities. It's certainly not a clandestine station in any way (Jeff White, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 7530, R Pakistan, 1700 after IS and ID with news in Urdu . Signal S9, 45544. Spur on +80 kHz 16th Nov (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. 7610

** PALAU?? 9965, WHRI, 1510 M religious talk in English, sometimes quoting scriptures. Finally instrumental music at 1528, then ID and South Bend IN address at 1529. 1530-1559 nonstop instrumental

religious music. World Harvest R. ID at 1559. Weak and slightly readable with quick fading. Wasn't there before 1500. Was looking for Palau. Don't see this listed or logged anywhere. (14 Nov.) (see below)

9965.09, WHRI Is in fact being relayed by Palau. Caught this ID at 1559 "T8WH Palau. This is World Harvest Radio. The international voice of LeSea Broadcasting.". Better than at the micro-DXpedition yesterday and off frequency. Sent a querry about this frequency but no response yet. Also sent an e-mail to hamadmin @ palaunet.com but it bounced. (15 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [and non]. TRANS-PACIFIC 90 METER REPORT

WoR, Trans-pacific 90 meters signals are back with a vengeance. Here in the Puget Sound area, at 1000 UT, Saturday morning 15 November 2008, Radio E. New Britain on 3385 KHz came booming in. It was so strong and clear, I could hear it from the speaker in the other room. The top of the hour began with NBC news, that is, National Broadcasting Corporation of Papua New Guinea. After the news, some announcement in a local language, but soon went back to English. Noteworthy is the Australian accent. S3 or better signal strength, slight shallow fade, but a whole bunch of lightening crashes. I had to back off the RF gain on my Kenwood TS-440. Using a G5RV antenna, no ATU, broadside to the south Pacific. As I write this at 44 after the hour, they are playing Shania Twain Music.

A quick look at the other part of the band logged 1015 UT on 3335, Radio East Sapik, Wewak PNG; 1016 UT on 3345 Radio Northern, Popondetta PNG; 1017 UT on 3320 Pyongyang Broadcasting Station, DPRK; 1018 UT on 3305 Radio Western, Daru PNG; 1019 UT on 3260 Radio Madang, Madang PNG; 1020 UT on 3250 Korean and Music (I recognize the Korean as I once lived in Seoul); 1021 UT on 3235 Kimbe PNG, but this had much QRM (Raster noise); 1022 UT on 3205 was looking for PNG but nothing heard; 3185 WWRB blasting the airwaves as always.

120 meters was pretty much dead, although I could hear very weak in the noise Australia (Australian accent) on 2485 kHz at 1023 UT.

Radio New Britain was still playing music at the top of the hour, but I did manage to get their ID again at 1102 UT. Backing off the RF gain really dampens the lightning strikes, and makes listening enjoyable (Jim Wylder, WPE6FCL, E. Bremerton, Washington USA, Nov 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.96, Wantok R. Light, Nov 05, 0801-0810, 35433, English, Music, ID at 0802 and 0806 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan,

Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD) Is anyone hearing this in NAm?? (gh)

** PERU. 3329.60, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco fading in daily at 1025 to 1030 with good signal, IDs, traditional music, high flutes and often hyper om en espanol. Fades out by 1050. 12, 13, 14 and 16 November

4790.10, Radio VisiÛn Chiclayo noted absent 0100 and again 0900 to 1200. 16 November (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach Florida, Icom 746 Pro and NRD535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not heard here either lately (gh)

Note: Don't hear the Peruvian on 4790.2 this morning. It is possible that later RRI Fak Fak may be audible at this location? Checked that freq later, but RRI Fak Fak never showed up (Chuck Bolland, FL, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[earlier:] 4790, Radio VisiÛn (Chiclayo), 0445-0455, 11/13/2008, Spanish. Echoing religious talk by man followed by prayer. Better than usual signal strength with fading. SINPO 33223 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, TenTec RX-340, Drake R8B, RF Space SDR-14, Random Wires (90' and 200'), Eavesdropper Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.92, Radio Huanta 2000, 1025-1040, Nov 14, Spanish talk. Short breaks of Peruvian music. Weak.

4835.47, Radio Maranon, Jaen, 1045-1055, Nov 14, Spanish ballads. Spanish announcements. Weak.

4955, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2300-2315. Nov 14, Spanish talk. Peruvian music. Promos, ads. Weak (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5025, RADIO QUILLABAMBA. Quillabamba. 2240-2300 nov 16. Pgm: Domingo Deportivo. Mejor en LSB; Co-channel con Radio Rebelde. Torneo de f˙tbol en la celebraciÛn de Vilcapampa (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Fomeque, Cundinamarca - COLOMBIA, SONY 2010, Dipolo de 15 metros, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 6047.17, R. Santa Rosa, 0052-0143, Nov 18, in Spanish, LA songs, several clear IDs, weak. I do not often listening during this time period, so was nice to hear this with about the best reception I have ever had for them (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU [non]. Re 8-117, Peru on 6110????? 6110- R. Internacional del Peru - monitored 2000-0200, and non. Believe that I committed a great mistake???? I listened, BBC and CNR8, no station in Spanish language. I did not find mention some in other lists, on the related station.

73's and Good DX! (Denis Gouveia, Aracaju, Brasil, Nov 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 6240, MOLDOVA, R. DMR (or PMR if you prefer), heard at 2315 on 27 Nov. with close of German program into English then French with classic Soviet-style non-news. Talk about the glorious teaching of Bulgarian language and culture in Moldova and the fact that the announcer himself determined that over 95% of Bulgarians did not want to join the EU. Yes folks, they were happy with their poverty-line existence! Good signals here in Kabul, about S4 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 200m Longwire/Randomwire, HCDX via DXLD) Why Bulgaria?

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA B-08 of PMR Radio Pridnestrovye Mon-Fri:
1430-1600 on 7370*KCH 500 kW / 295 deg to WeEu in En/Fr/Ge/En/Fr/Ge
1600-1730 on 7370 KCH 500 kW / 295 deg to WeEu in En/Fr/Ge/En/Fr/Ge
2230-2400 on 6240 KCH 500 kW / 309 deg to NoAm in En/Fr/Ge/En/Fr/Ge***
* co-ch 1430-1530 FEBA Radio in Hindi/Bangla
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

***Evenings on 6240 is SUNDAY TO THURSDAY (Harry Brooks, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Mr. Radu Ianculescu from RRI Bucharest [and Romanian Telecommunication S.N. Radiocomunicatii SA, Romania's state-owned broadcast organization, too] sent me a short e-mail yesterday, he confirmed that all new RRI shortwave transmitters are on air since November 11, 2008 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. On November 1st the Romanian Radio Broadcasting Corporation celebrated its 80th anniversary. To mark this ocassion a postal stamp devoted to this anniversary was released and the National Bank of Romania has launched an anniversary silver coin.

Here's the Radio Romania 80th anniversary stamp/miniature sheet
http://www.romfilatelia.ro/marci/colectia.php?ContentID=431&Year=2008
(click on the logo for photo of stamp & miniature sheet)

And the Radio Romania 80th anniversary coins
http://www.geocities.com/romaniancoins/10lei08radio.html

Here's the National Bank of Romania Press Release
http://www.bnro.ro/en/Press/E20081024num.htm
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Nov 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Did they overlook the 75th? (gh)

** ROMANIA. "80 Years of existence - The Romanian Radio Broadcasting

Society" "Radiophony. it is by far the most extensive and vivid national school". (Dimitri Gusti)

"ATTENTION EVERYONE! YOU ARE LISTENING TO RADIO BUCHAREST! ..."

These were the first words broadcasted in Bucharest, on the evening of November 1st, 1928, at 9 PM sharp...

"This is Radio Bucharest!"- just four words that translated from the hard work of tens of people, some of them unknown to the general public, others solely acknowledged through their broadcasted voices.

Names such as Margareta Marinescu, Puia Vasilescu Rebreanu, Aurora Balaceanu, Nadia Stefanescu, or Radu Vasilescu, are just some from the long list of the Romanian radiophony¥s pioneers whose voice resounded in the tinny wooden boxes from Romanians¥ houses at the time.

George Carnu Munteanu and Dragomir Hurmuzescu are the names of the first General Manager, respectively the first President of the Romanian Radio Broadcasting Society, the latter having been followed by Dimitrie Gusti.

Let us not forget nor the name of the person that had the honor to broadcast the first radio show, Professor Dragomir Hurmuzescu, neither the name of Horia Furtuna, the writer that had the honor to read "A New Soul" at the microphone, poem especially written for the inaugural moment.

The years have elapsed... The number of broadcasting hours has ever since increased constantly from 305 in 1928 to over 3500 in 1934. The illustrious voices of the Romanian culture have made their way to the microphones of the Romanian Radio Broadcasting Society. Concerts, theatrical shows, political, economic, international and sport events, interviews, men of culture but equally historical events that marked the last century (the Act of 23rd August, 1944, the forced abdication of His Majesty King Michael I of Romania, the events of December 1989), broadcasted live from the radio stations located in General Berthelot Street.

After 1989, historical turning point of the Romanian society and return to the true assets of democracy and freedom of opinion as well as rediscovery of the true cultural values of the country, the Romanian Radio Broadcasting Society marked a revival and a sudden change through its broadcasted promptitude and the objectiveness of its radio programs. Currently, through its 24 hours a day radio broadcasting program, through the various stations it has (News Bulletins, Cultural, Musical, Regional Network Studios, The antenna of the Villages, International, 3 Net), Radio Romania is a constant book

of knowledge for all, an inseparable link between the past, the present and the general radio public.

Since 80 years, "This is Bucharest, Romania!" has not only been signal to the open air but equally a gate towards the Universe.

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http://www.romfilatelia.ro/marci/colectia.php?ContentID=431&Year=2008
Issue date: 28.10.2008 (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Winter B-08 of Radio Rossii in Russian:
0500-0800 on 9840 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg to WeEu
0820-1300 on 12075 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg to WeEu
1320-1600 on 7310 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg to WeEu
1620-2200 on 5905#MSK 250 kW / 260 deg to WeEu
co-ch 1900-2000 RFI in Russian, 2000-2200 DWL in Arabic (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD) That`s all? (gh)

** RUSSIA. I think one of my favourite stories, though, is with the Voice of Russia ñ when I was pregnant, I contacted the station and asked if the ìFolk Boxî program featured stories about traditional ways to celebrate the birth of a baby. Well, VoR did one better ñ they put together such a program, and even dedicated to ìSusan Hickey, our loyal listener, who is expecting a childî! They even sent me a copy of the programme (Sue Hickey, NL, CIDX Forum, Nov CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Re 8-117: Some facts that can be taken from the detailed Voice of Russia schedule:

* Apparently the Samara site is still active, but probably only with the 250 kW transmitters added at a later point, no longer with the old equipment. VOR German service first omitted the Samara frequencies from its schedule, so it seems that it became clear only at rather short notice that the site can still be used for now.

* Transmissions via Ukrainian facilities have been officially cancelled on Oct 31. However, they should be off already since Oct 24, since on this day NRCU started to use up the transmission budget they have for the rest of this year. It remains to be seen what will happen in the new year, when NRCU will presumably be gone from 936 and 1431 again. Note also the power for Kopani-1431, specified as 900 kW. I assume this is an equipment-related matter, like with Sasnovy-1170

that runs at 800 kW, as the PKV-1000 transmitter at Wachenbrunn did until it was being replaced by a new Telefunken/Transradio installation.

* Grigoriopol now extensively uses 621 again for Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio, 0300-1700 and 1800-2100 with 500 kW. What happens between 1700 and 1800? Between 1800 and 2100 VOR is still on 1413, also with 500 kW. Things become interesting if it turns out that 999 and 1548 are active during this period with more than 150 kW as well, since this would indicate that RTRS (the Russian transmitter operator, now owning the Grigoriopol site) has added a fourth high power MW transmitter to the three existing Buran units (or converted a shortwave unit to mediumwave?).

* It is remarkable that 5830 via Tajikistan for Slovak is in use until Dec 31 only. It's 200 kW = two 100 kW transmitters are combined, so one could wonder if the Yangi-Yul site (as opposed to the Orzu plant with high power equipment) will go dark. But no such deadline is shown for the 100 kW Afghanistan frequencies from there.

* Note also the power levels for "Moscow" frequencies. 200 kW at least cuts the list of possible origins down to Taldom or Kurovskaya, since Lesnoy has only 250 kW transmitters (old ones, so to some degree the frequent technical problems are no surprise), in some cases run in pairs (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. THE VOICE OF RUSSIA SPEAKS KURDISH
http://www.kommersant.com/p1055634/r_527/Russia_foreign_relations_Iraq/

The Voice of Russia radio station began broadcasting in Kurdish in Iraqi Kurdistan yesterday. Station spokesmen say the new project is nonpolitical and its goal is to bring the Russian and Kurdish people closer together. Analysts say that the project has an obvious political nature and that it is a means of advancing Russian interests in Kurdistan and throughout the Middle East.

The Voice of Russia had considered a Kurdish service for several years, but funding restriction had prevented its implementation until now. The stationís director of regional broadcasts Mikhail Baryshev told Kommersant that a daily one-hour shortwave broadcast in Kurdish premiered in May of this year. Yesterday was the first broadcast on the FM band. Broadcast originate in Erbil, Sulaimaniya, Kirkuk and Dohuk, Iraq. The broadcasts will be two hours long and will air in the mornings and evenings.

Baryshev said each broadcast will consist of news, a discussion of Russian foreign policy, especially in the Middle East, and

informational programs about Russia. ìUnfortunately, in many regions, and particularly in Iraqi Kurdistan, people do not find out about Russiaís policies first hand,î Baryshev said. ìFrequently that information is distorted. We will try to correct that situation.î The organizers of the project deny any underlying political goals, however. ìWe are mostly carrying out a humanitarian mission,î deputy general director of the All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Corp. Andrey Bystritsky told Kommersant in reference to the new broadcasts.

Observers say the broadcasts are part of a political project launched by the Russian consul in Erbil a year ago to raise Russiaís role in the region. Kurdistan is Iraqís only stable region. It is rich in oil and has attracted many foreign companies. Baghdad has given the region considerable autonomy, and the region, which is at the crossroads of the Iraqi, Iranian, Turkish and Syrian borders is of great strategic importance. http://www.kommersant.com All the Article in Russian as of Nov. 12, 2008 (via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. VOR schedule for English to NAm at
http://www.ruvr.ru/main.php?lng=eng&w=129&p=
checked 2300 UT Nov 13 and 0230 UT Nov 20! still shows abandoned frequencies 6100 and 6135 which were GUIANA FRENCH we now know, both replaced by 7335 which was added to the list without removing the old ones (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Voice of Russia B08 [SW relay sites not given!]
UTC
0000-0100 Portuguese 11605, 7330, 7170, 6135, 5900
Russian-IR 7125, 6240, 1350, 1026
0100-0200 Spanish-LA 13630, 7330, 7170, 6240, 6195, 6135, 5945, 5900
Russian-IR 7125, 1350, 1170, 1026
0200-0300 English 13735, 12040, 7250, 6240
Russian WS 15735*, 13665, 12030, 7350, 7335, 7260, 7150, 6195, 6155, 1503, 1314, 972, 936, 648
Russian-IR 7125, 1170
Spanish-LA 13630, 9475, 7330, 7170, 6135, 5945, 5900
0300-0400 English 13735, 12040, 7350, 6240, 6155
Russian WS 15735*, 13665, 12030, 9475, 7335, 7260, 7170, 7150, 972, 936, 648
Russian-IR 7250, 7125, 1503, 1377, 1314, 1170, 1089, 801, 621
0400-0500 English 15735*, 13665, 12030, 9840, 7350, 7150, 6240, 6155, 1548, 603
Russian-IR 7125, 1377, 1314, 1170, 1089, 936, 801, 648, 621
0500-0600 English 15735*, 13665, 12030, 9855, 9840, 7150, 1575, 1431, 693, 630
Russian-IR 7125, 1548, 1377, 1314, 1170, 1089, 936, 801,

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                      621
0600-0700 English    17805, 17665, 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630, 603
          Russian-IR  1548, 1377, 1314, 1089, 972, 936, 801, 621
0700-0800 English     17805, 17665, 11635*, 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630
          Russian-IR  9435, 1548
          Russian-SC  1377, 1314, 999, 972, 936, 864, 801, 648, 621
0800-0900 English    17805, 17665, 15195, 1575, 1431, 1323, 1251, 693,
                       630
          Russian-IR 11635*, 9435, 1548
          Russian-SC  1377, 1314, 1170, 999, 936, 864, 801, 648, 621
0900-1000 English    17665, 15195, 13760*, 1575, 1431, 1323, 1251,
                      693, 630
          Russian-IR  612
          Russian-SC  9435, 1377, 1314, 1215, 1170, 999, 936, 864,
                      801, 621
1000-1100 German     15540, 13760*, 9720, 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630
          Korean     9495#, 7265, 5920^
          Russian-IR 1170
          Russian-SC 9435, 1377, 1314, 1215, 999, 972, 936, 864, 621,
                      612
1100-1200 Chinese    7330, 7320, 6115, 5930, 5920, 1251, 1080, 648,
                      585
          German     13760*, 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630
          Russian-IR 9435, 1323
          Russian-SC 1377, 1314, 1215, 1170, 999, 972, 936, 864, 621,
                      612
1200-1300 Chinese    7305, 7155, 6115, 5930, 1251, 1080, 585
          German     13760*, 1575, 1431, 1323, 693, 630
          Japanese   6180, 6170, 5920, 720, 630
          Korean     7330, 5940, 648us
          Russian-IR 9435, 1323, 801, 648db
          Russian-SC 1431, 1377, 1314, 1215, 1170, 612, 936, 864, 621,
                      612
          Urdu       12025, 11660, 9695, 7350
          Vietnamese 7265, 6140, 603dof
1230-1300 Mongolian  4895, 4830, 227, 209, 164 MNG
1300-1330 Mongolian  5940, 5930, 1080, 801
1300-1400 Chinese    7330, 7305, 6115, 5940, 1251, 648, 585
          English     558notF.
          Hindi      12055, 11660, 9885, 7350, 1269
          Japanese   6180, 6005, 5920, 720, 630
          Russian-IR 1575, 1431, 1323, 1143, 693, 630
          Russian WS 15460#, 13760*,13600, 12025, 11630^,9800, 7260,
                      7155, 1548, 1431, 1143, 999, 936
          Russian-SC 9435, 7135, 6185, 1503, 1377, 1170, 864, 621, 612
1300-1500 Dari/Pashto 11975, 9900, 4975, 4965, 972, 801, 648
1330-1400 Mongolian  5940, 5930, 1080, 801
1400-1500 Chinese    7330, 6115, 5930, 1251, 1080, 801, 585
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          Korean     1323
          Russian-IR 1575, 1431, 1323, 1143, 693, 630, 612
          Russian-SC 9435, 7135, 6185, 5945, 1548, 1503, 1431, 1170,
                     1143, 999, 936, 864, 621
          Russian WS 15460#, 136000, 12055, 11630^, 9885, 9800, 7260,
                      7155, 6005, 5905*, 5900, 1251, 558
          Urdu       12025, 7350, 7305
1500-1530 Albanian   7340, 7105, 1548
          Hindi      12055, 9885, 7305, 7280, 5900, 972
1500-1600 English    9675*, 9660, 7350, 7260, 5905*, 1251, 972fr1530
          Persian    7345, 6020, 5935, 5925, 648db
          Russian-IR 13755, 12025, 9840, 5945, 1575, 1431, 1323, 1143,
                      801,693, 630, 612
          Russian-SC 7135, 6185, 5995, 5940, 5910, 1548, 1503, 1431,
                     1170, 1089, 999, 936, 621
          Turkish    9470, 7270, 6005, 5985
1530-1600 Bengali    7350, 7305, 7110, 6135
1600-1700 Arabic     9820, 7230, 6105, 5920, 5910, 1350
          English    9470, 7320, 7305, 7260, 6130, 4975, 4965, 972
          German     9675*, 7290, 6145, 1575, 1431, 1323, 1215, 693,
                      630
          Persian    7345, 6020, 5935, 5925, 648db
          Russian WS 9885, 7125, 5900, 1251db
          Russian-IR 9840, 5945, 1494, 1143, 801
          Russian-SC 7285, 6185, 5995, 5940, 1503, 1431, 1170, 1089,
                      936, 621
          Turkish    7270, 6005, 5985
1630-1800 Serbo-Croatian 7340, 6000, 5975, 1548
1700-1800 Arabic     9820, 7345, 7195, 7155, 5935, 5920, 1431
          English    9470, 7320, 7125, 6125, 4975, 1269, 1251bd
          French     11510, 9675*, 7330, 7295, 7230, 6130, 6035
          German     6145, 1575, 1431, 1323, 1215, 693, 630
          Kurdish    7270, 6005, 5945, 1314
          Persian    7130, 6020, 5925, 1377, 648db
          Romanian   6175, 6045, 6035, 999
          Russian-IR 5985, 5945, 1494, 1143, 801
          Russian-SC 7290, 7285, 5995, 5910, 1503, 1170, 1089, 1026,
                      936
1800-1830 Finnish(M-F) 6245, 6175, 6055, 1494
1800-1845 Hungarian  6045, 6025, 1170
1800-1900 Arabic     9820, 7345, 7305, 7195, 7155, 6060, 5920, 1431,
                     1314
          Bulgarian  6170, 5975, 1413
          English    11510, 7335, 7320, 7270, 7240,
                     6245/6175/6055/1494Sa.Su, 6125, 4975, 1251
          French     7330, 7295, 6130, 6035, 5950
          German     7300, 6145, 1323, 1215
          Italian    7310, 7230, 6000
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          Polish     6235, 5940, 5920, 1143
          Russian WS 7290, 5985, 1575, 1431, 693, 630
          Russian-SC 7285, 5995, 1503, 1431, 1170, 1089, 1026, 999,
                      936, 648, 621
          Russian-IR 7105
1830-1900 Norwegian(Tu.Th) 6245, 6175, 6055, 1494
          Swedish(M.W.F)   6245, 6175, 6055, 1494
1845-1930 Czech      6155, 6045, 1170
1900-2000 Arabic     9820, 7420, 7345, 7305, 7195, 6140, 6060, 5975,
                     5920, 1314
          English    11510, 7335, 7290, 7240, 6175
          French     7330, 7310, 7230, 6130, 5950, 5920
          German     6235, 6145, 1575, 1431dr, 1323, 1215, 693, 630
          Greek      7155, 6170, 5985, 1431ni, 1413
          Russian-SC 7285, 5940, 5920, 1494, 1089, 1026, 648, 621
          Russian-IR 4975, 1323, 1143x2, 936
1930-2000 Slovak     6155, 6045, 5830, 1170
2000-2100 Arabic     7420, 7345, 7310, 7305, 7195, 6140, 5975, 1314
          Bulgarian  6170, 6000, 1413
          English    7330, 7240, 6145
          French     7340, 7230, 6130, 5950, 5920, 1323
          Russian-IR 7170, 1575, 1431, 1170, 1143x2, 936, 693, 630
          Russian-SC 5965, 5925, 1503, 1089, 648, 621
          Russian WS 7290, 7285, 5940, 1215, 612
2100-2200 English    7330, 7290, 5955
          French     12040, 7310, 6130, 6030, 5950, 1323
          Russian-IR 7240, 1575, 1431, 1377, 1314, 1143x2, 693, 630
          Russian-SC 5965, 5925, 1503, 1170, 936
          Russian WS 7290, 7285, 7170, 1215, 999
          Spanish    7340, 5940
2100-2230 Serbo-Croatian 6000, 5920, 1548
2200-2300 Portuguese 7340, 5940, 5920
          Russian-SC 7285, 1575, 1431, 1323, 1089, 693, 630, 612
          Russian-IR 1377, 1350, 1314, 1215. 1170, 1143, 999
2230-2330 Italian    1548
2300-2400 Arabic     6175, 1377, 1350
          Russian-IR 7125, 1215, 999

^ till Feburary 28     # from March 1 2009    * DRM mode
Russian-SC : Voice of Russia "COMMONWELTH", "Radiokanal Sodruzhestvo"
Russian-WS : Voice of Russia, World Russian Service
Russian-I R : Russian International Radio, "RUSSKOYE MEZHDUNARODNOYE
RADIO" (Rus DX Nov 16 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Nov. 16, 5940 kHz, 2215z, VOR in Portuguese, very good.
This is via SAMara, 250 kW, 280 degrees. OM talking about Medvedev and
economic crysis. Now I can confirm this is really via Samara, because
of that pleasant (to me it's pleasant) transmitter noise in the
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background, like the airplane flying in the sky. You can hear an example, recorded on Oct. 30 by IBB Vienna monitoring:
http://amp.ibbmonitor.com/RMS_Data/Sounds/2008_10_30/PORT/RRN/VIEN/0810302208@VIEN_5940RRNPORT.MP4
(Dragan Lekic from Subotica, SERBIA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 6055. V. of Russia. Huge signal signing on at 1800 with ID by W. Seems way too strong to be coming from Europe at this time. S-6 strength. (14 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD) ``Armavir`` site, 500 kW, 315 degrees to Eu and US (gh)

** RUSSIA. 6130 kHz. Voice of Russia in French 1557-2200 UT accompanied still by two spur signals. Today November 17th, 21.50-22.00 UTC, parallel to fundamental 6130 kHz from Moscow in French: two peaks around 6018.50 and 6241.15 kHz, in 6017.40 to 6019.80, and 6240.30 to 6242.75 kHz range. vy73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, harmonics yg via DXLD)

6130 kHz two spurs on Nov 15th to 19th. 1557-2200 UT

Hello, dear Mikhail, Two spurious still on air today November 19th, 1750-1810 UT parallel to fundamental 6130 kHz from Moscow in French: two peaks around 6015.50 and 6245.50 kHz, in
6013.70 to 6018.30, and
6242.70 to 6247.70 kHz range. Signal hetting Voice of Russia Norwegian/Finish/Swedish 1800-1900 UT via Grigoriopol-MDA on 6245 kHz. regards de (Wolfgang Bueschel, Stuttgart - Germany, to Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, via DXLD)

** SAINT HELENA. Tomorrow evening at 8 pm Radio St Helena will be celebrating Radio St Helena Day. You can hear this celebration not only on our local frequency of 1548 kHz but also on Short Wave, transmitting on 11092.5 kHz on the Upper Side Band in the Short Wave frequency.

Radio St Helena will be using a 1000 Watts output into a 3-element directional beam antenna and will be heard around the world.

Radio St Helena Day was revived on 4 November 2006, bringing back the special annual worldwide transmission on shortwave. Last yearís transmission was another success and was held later in the year (15 December) to coincide with Radio St Helenaís 40th Anniversary (25th December). Last year was also the 10th RSHD, therefore it was a very special Double Anniversary. It was enjoyed by numerous presenters, who all gave up their time to present and lend a helping hand to make the evening a memorable one. The station has posted many Special

Anniversary QSL cards, designed by Robert Kipp, who initiated the ëRevival of RSHDí. Reception reports were received from various parts of Europe, Japan, USA and Canada and continue to this day.

Kicking off the celebration will be Station Manager Gary Walters when the antenna will be aimed at Japan, and then at 8:30 to 9 o ëclock listeners in Japan will be able to hear Jane John. From 9 oíclock to 9:30 Cyril Gunnel will be talking to listeners in Europe, from 9:30 to 10 oíclock, Gary Walters will carry on until 10 oíclock. Tony Leo will also be talking to Europe and at 10:30 until 11:30 you will be in the company of Ralph Peters and John Moyce talking to listeners in North America. Steve Terryís Musical Mosaic program has been postponed until next Saturday (some local publication, Nov 14, via Robert Kipp, DXLD)

There will also be some IDs in Spanish for the benefit of Latin American listeners, who however are not being favored with an antenna bearing (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

THE FIRST GROUP OF LOGS ARE ALL FROM DXLD YG AND/OR DIRECT TO DX LISTENING DIGEST:

Pirate, or St. Helena testing? Heard here at 1929 Nov 15 with BBC to Africa programming. Quite the signal! Yes! Radio St. Helena ID at 1938!, "back to the BBC until 8 o'clock" by female (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With BBC programming. IDs by OM and YL. 1935 UT. Heard S3 here in Manassas, Virginia. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, ibid.)

From Western Canada, RSH heard well at their 1931 BBC test relay, and at official sign on, but signal dropping since then (now 2028). Those great Saint Helena Island music selections came thru nicely, but the voice programming is a little tougher. Only decent on the log periodic, virtually inaudible on the beverages or K9AY.

Just about to hit send, and the signal came up dramatically at 2030. Very good now. Seems too abrupt to be a propagation change. 2037 and still loud with Carpenters song. 73 (Don VE6JY Moman, ibid.)

I heard it with fair reception on a DEGEN 1103 and telescopic antenna, Radio St. Helena, 11092.5 kHz, 2000 UT Nov 15 2008, comenzando su emision para JapÛn en idioma inglÈs con un himno seguido por anuncio de los horarios de transmisiÛn y palabras de salutaciÛn por parte del gobernador de St. Helena. SINPO 34333, Signal swings between poor/fair, noise increasing, S2-S3 now ! Best 73 (Dino Bloise, Miami, Florida, USA, ibid.)

Zilch here in central Ireland since 20 UT. I am not even hearing a

carrier (Dr Derek Lynch, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Been pretty much 'armchair' copy here since the beginning except for a brief drop from 2018-2025. At 2058 mentioned changing the beam and saying good-bye to Japan, then what seemed to be a brief pick-up of the BBC(?) Lili Bolero, time pips, a click, then R. St. Helena ID. 'Abba' "Thank You for The Music" at 2105 (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, ibid.)

11092.5 - ST. HELENA - Radio St. Helena first checked in at 2020 UT Nov 15 with fair reception. Usual programming of pop music, Governor and tourism messages and listeners e-mails read. Reception varied from poor to Very Good. Listened past announced s/off and God Save the Queen at 2330:30. They stuck around with continuous music and one announcement and time check at around 2333. Pull the plug at 2344UT (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Icom R-71a, KLM 7-30 MHz Log and beverages, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RSH here in DC area, at times excellent on non-North American beams, at times down in the mud. Pleased to have gotten my email read. . . hoping for a better final hour when they switch direction. (Dan Robinson, 2133 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I heard your e-mail read, and I said "hey" I know that guy, he's been to Djibouti too! (Steve Lare, ibid.)

AH, forgot about that -- good ol Djibouti -- what would we do without them? Getting a nice upswing in reception of RSH just now at 4:36 [EST = 2136 UT] -- but as someone elsewhere commented it's often during the other beams that you get your best peaks here in East coast (Robinson, ibid.)

Not sure Dan, but makes for interesting memories. I recall an outdoor bar, hoisting a few with French Foreign Legionaires and some pilots who were flying coffee out of Uganda with a civil war going on. Their descriptions of diving into I think Entebbe were quite interesting (Steve Lare, MI, ibid.)

Hi all, Well, signal of Radio St Helena is fair to bad here in Montreal. Some spikes where it comes in quite well then drops. Just Heard Abba Dancing queen song a few minutes ago with fair level. Hope it gets better for the North America broadcast (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, 2136 UT ibid.)

11092.5, 15/11 2010-2030, R¡DIO SANTA HELENA, modulaÁ„o USB, m˙sica com flauta e percuss„o, ‡s 2016 identificaÁ„o da emissora com pequeno desvanecimento no final, 44433
VÌdeo da escuta: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wc158bQGCP0

(Marcelo Vilela Bedene, Curitiba-PR-Brasil, Sony 2001D - Antena Delta Loop 30m, DX Clube do Paran·, http://www.dxclube.com.br ibid.)

11092.5, Radio St. Helena at 2025 with low rumble and distorted signal, to 2230 when signal abruptly dropped down, as we left for dinner. All water path to Southeast Florida provide fair to very good signal (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach Florida, Icom 746 Pro and NRD535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5-USB, Radio St Helena, Jamestown, 2043-2115, November 15, English, Songs, announcement by male, Identification at 2048, music (country); announcement and Identification at 2053 as: "...Radio St Helena... around the world... to Radio St Helena...", music, long announcement at 2055, music, s/off. At 2100 UTC, identification: "...Radio St Helena... broadcasting...", song by ABBA, 34443. Heard with my friends, the DXers Marcelo Cornachioni, Hector Goyena, Gerardo Choren, Enrique Wembagher & Norberto Pugliese (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

11092.5, Radio St. Helena, 2000-2100 , 15-11, la primera hora de transmisiÛn se escucha por aquÌ con seÒal muy dÈbil, inglÈs, identificaciÛn por locutor, comentarios. 14321. 2100-2120, segunda hora de transmisiÛn, para Europa, seÒal fuerte. Locutor, identificaciÛn, comentarios, canciones. 44444 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, ibid.)

Oh, oh --- at about 2230 audio got briefly scratchy and took a nose dive here. Was hoping that the beam change might make the signal better to NA as sunset is here at my QTH but such is not the case. Still audible, but very weak now. I like the side lobes off the antenna better, as seemed to be the case last year. Hope others are having better luck. It was good while it lasted (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, ibid.)

Was doing well just before 5:30 PM East coast [2230 UT], then completely lost in the mud. But got some good recordings and will send report out soon (Dan Robinson, ibid.)

Nothing here near Philly, not even briefly crawling out of the muck on 25 meters right now (Bruce Barker, 535-D, Alpha Delta Sloper, 2250 UT, ibid.)

Still in here, though weak. Seemingly Post Mistress of St. Helena talking about stamps, and order of, etc. Nowhere near what it was prior to 2230 (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, 2254 UT, ibid.)

Now, finally booming in here, as others may have noticed.

Beautiful signal -- hope it holds up to sign off (Dan Robinson, DC, 2301 UT, ibid)

11092.50 (USB), 2020-2200, R. St. Helena, English Nov 15 Good signal in Brazil(Northeast), 2030 2130 +/-, at 2130 fading and QRN.
2030-2130 - SINPO 55344, 2130- SINPO 35222
Audio file http://www.ipernity.com/doc/denisgouveia/3438861/
(Denis Gouveia, Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, I had the opportunity to listen to RSH Day 2008. My gear was ready before they began transmitting at 2000 UT and was a bit worried by the mention of thunderstorms in my area. The weather was very warm for November, with intermittent showers, rain and torrential downpours. Fortunately, the thunderstorms never came. By 2013, I was picking up flute music and a full station ID followed. Best reception of the afternoon/evening occurred at 2030 here, with the Carpenters singing "Yesterday Once More."

I was expecting an improvement in reception for the broadcast to Europe at 2100, but that wasn't to be today. I continued listening until 2205, when their signal was washing out, due to atmospheric noise and fading. By 2200, darkness was settling in and I suspect that this may have had an effect on the signal. This time around, I will try the announced "via UK & Ascension Island" address on the envelope, hoping to QSL! Using the R8A with a 100 foot longwire, their signal peaked at S5 dB, but settled at or below S3 dB for a majority of today's transmission. 73's, (Ed Insinger, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Finally could hear RSH at 2300 with poor signal. Could only ID two songs. "Wind Beneath My Wings," and "Joy to the World," The rest was mostly mush. Got a firm ID at 2320. Otherwise very little. Hope I can finally beg a QSL from them. Heavy rain and lots of electrical interference making copy difficult. I am so jealous of you guys that got strong sigs and 5/9's. Congratulations, though to all of you (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA; NRD535-D Alpha Delta DX Sloper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listened *1959-2344* UT. Overall poor here in Manassas, VA. Peak S was at 2031 with S7. 2036 Chief Secretary from St. Helena Post Office spoke about 2008 stamps. However, from what I was able to hear, mostly played songs. When people speaking, difficult understanding due to poor signal. Thanks R. St. Helena for broadcasting. Hopefully, 2009 reception is better. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, Virginia, USA, ibid.)

Only able to listen for 20 minutes from 2325 to loss of signal at 2344. S2 to S3 to hear music and announcer was somewhat audible at times. Did hear ID and God Save the Queen (America to those of us in

the USA). Would someone please provide info where to send info and how much postage to send them. Thanks (Bob Schussel, Near San Francisco CA Ten Tec 340 on short antenna with balun, ibid.)

No, I`m quite sure it was GSTQ, not America. His question answered way down below (gh, DXLD)

I listened their broadcast to Europe (2000-2130 UT) with a fair signal, here in Portugal. Although I used a Sony ICFSW7600GR and just a wire as antenna; sometimes the signal was enough to copy the transmission. I copied some IDs & DJ talks, mixed with nice music. On the other hand, I did receive transmission to America with a quite unintelligible, very weak signal. Did they broadcast using just 1000 watts?! I must confess I hardly would believe that whether I didn't listened it with my own ears! 73 & good DX! (LuÌs Carvalho, Portugal, ibid.)

As far as I know, like last year they were looking for at least a $3 donation. How many IRC's that equates to I don't know. Best just to toss the $'s in and hope for the best. But, follow the new routing to be certain, as it seems as though mail theft is rampant (Steve Lare, MI, ibid.)

I`m not sure if this info made it onto this list, so here it is now. I think it was announced during the broadcast. Of course, QSL seekers are still expected to report by P-mail (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Everyone, here is a new Email-Address especially for the Radio St. Helena Day 2008 broadcasts on Saturday, 15. November 2008.

radio.announcements4669@hotmail.co.uk

In case of the "same procedure as every year", then DEREK should be sitting at the PC and answering the emails. Good DX and best greetings, (Robert Kipp, Advisor To RSH, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Propagation was rather odd. What relatively little I was able to copy of the broadcast was during a few infrequent and sudden peaks in signal strength. The sig would come up out of the noise suddenly and then almost disappear just as suddenly. Less than 80% of the broadcast was not intelligible [sic]. 2000 tune in to march-like orchestral theme and opening announcement: "Hello... extend a welcome... around the world to this Radio St. Helena broadcast....". The next intelligible point I heard was not until 2120 when reading email reports from New York area.

Later at 2211, "Back in the USSR" by Beatles and a phone call put on

air. Later still at 2229 acknowledging DX clubs (Benelux DX Club, NASWA, etc.) and then at 2230 it appeared the transmitter actually left the air. Nothing heard at least til 2240.

Re-check at 2304 heard with "Wind Beneath My Wings" and then some talk. At 2320 heard "Joy to the World" in a C&W version.

That's about ALL that was readable. Anyway, it's still great fun, and to me still an "exotic" locale from which to hear radio directly. Thanks to RSH and the organizers for putting on a good show!

Rig is a Drake R8 with a ground-level random wire about 20m long. (Paul Brouillette, Geneva, IL, ibid.)

11092.5 usb, R. Saint Helena, 2227-2231 and 2246-2344*, Nov 15, reception very similar to that as reported by others: started out fair, at 2229 must have changed antenna direction and became very faint, retuned to find fair reception, enjoyed hearing Postmistress Beverly Francis talking about the stamps issued in 2008 and a preview of 2009 stamps, she tells how to order stamps, Dr. Cronk talking about the endemic flora of Saint Helena, I especially enjoyed the ballad by Uncle Earl called "Bony of Saint Helena" ("Bonaparte is away from his wars and his fighting. He has gone to a place he can take no delight in. He may sit there and dwell on the glories he's seen, oh, While alone he remains on the Isle of St. Helena Ö."), good number of IDs, 2330 "God Save the Queen", into non-stop EZL instrumental music till off (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5 USB, R St Helena, 2000-2344*, 11/15/08, English. Heard with recognizable tunes and occasionally intelligent [sic] speech during the Japan segment, building to quite a good signal by the end of the Europe program, though both suffered from deep fading. Big nosedive in the signal at 2229 during supposed switch to N America. Fired off a quick email informing them of our reception woes here, and received a response that they were late in beaming to the USA, just as signal came back quite strong at 2246. Heard rest of the program and beyond, w/announcement at 2334: "as you may know, we've finished our shortwave transmission..." and stating they would rejoin BBC at the top of the hour till the next morning. Finally off in mid-song at 2344. As always, another enjoyable RSH Day (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SeÒal baja dificilmente alcanzando un SINPO de 3 ocasionalmente. Escucha de las 2230 a las 2340, mejor la ˙ltima media hora, dificil de entender frases completas todo en inglÈs. Escucha realizada copn Grundig Satellit 500, antena hilo largo de 15 m. En cualquier caso la escucha fue mejor que el aÒo pasado. 73¥s (Juli·n Santiago, MÈxico,

D.F., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5-USB, Radio St. Helena (Jamestown), 2000-2340*, 11/15/2008, English. Usual program of music, talk, etc. Poor but readable *2000-2002 and 2031-2037. Extremely marginal at other times until 2245. Improved greatly after 2315. Peaked with heavy fading just prior to scheduled 2330 signoff. Remained on after anthem with easy listening music until 2340. Overall a much weaker signal this year. Best SINPO 24222 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, TenTec RX-340, Drake R8B, RF Space SDR-14, Random Wires (90' and 200'), Eavesdropper Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.50 / USB, R. St. Helena, 2000 just a trace here at AZ QTH. Vocal music heard 2036, but too faint to identify. Moved to outdoor but rural location with battery portable, 100' long wire, and oriented wire for NW/SE reception. at 2300 + excellent rx. Not armchair, but very good. M with email address to music. 2314 - M with frequency announcement and phone contact no. 2318 - apparent windup with M "thanks for listening", into "Joy to the World" (X-mas version, not 3 Dog Night). also noted serious QRM from deedle-deedling RTTY/UTE station. 2328 male "until next year. Goodbye and G-d [sic] Bless" to music. British Anthem, apparent close, but, no, station continued until 2345, after announcing they would be joining BBC for locals. I'll call it 42443 (Rick Barton, AZ Nov. 15, Portable, 100' long wire antenna - oriented for rx from south east, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AquÌ en CÛrdoba no muy buena recepciÛn pues habÌa mucho ruido. Pongo dos grabaciones, en la primera se escuchan unos comentarios en inglÈs y despuÈs m˙sica, pr·cticamente a nivel de ruido. DespuÈs la seÒal mejorÛ algo, es la segunda grabaciÛn, sÛlo m˙sica. Desgraciadamente no pude pillar alguna identificaciÛn, la escuchÈ, pero cuando enchufÈ el mp3 ya habÌa terminado, y despuÈs la propagaciÛn fue cada vez a peor. El receptor es el Degen 1121, con el Sangean ATS 909 se escuchaba mejor, pero no tiene mp3 incorporado para grabar. Estos son los enlaces http://www.goear.com/listen.php?v=49267bc
http://www.goear.com/listen.php?v=3af478d
Saludos (Jorge Trinado, Spain, Nov 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Friends, The reception of Radio St. Helena here in Chennai South India on 15th Nov 2008. Click the following link to listen it.
http://dxersguide.blogspot.com/
OR
http://vaanoliulagam.podomatic.com/entry/2008-11-17T22_59_02-08_00
For Contact: (Jaisakthivel, 59, Annai Sathya Nagar, Arumbakkam, Chennai-600106, India, ibid.)

GH`s REPORT:

** SAINT HELENA. Radio Saint Helena Day monitoring, Sat Nov 15 on 11092.5-USB: 2000 tune-in to ``Life on the Ocean Waves`` theme song, and opening announcements, but too weak to really copy anything said. There was some ute QRM on the side. 2010 some music which sounded like flute and mbira, then drums too, and decided it was Japanese in honour of the current target area. Some more talk at 2018, but lost signal at 2020, as I hear some others did too. A good time to stop until later as I had other things to do, such as watching Nova and Nature on PBS.

Retune 2206: signal about the same as two hours earlier, now presumably toward Europe, with bluegrass music, 2210 ``Back in the USSR``. Then improving somewhat. 2212 taking a call from somewhere it is 3:45 a.m., so must be India. 2228 acknowledging a number of DX clubs, signal grows some more, strong enough to switch in attenuation on FRG-7 with longwire, to diminish `pumping`. 2229 starts announcement in Spanish, but audio breaks up and modulation lost, or barely detectable ñ what happened? It was time to rotate the antenna toward North America.

I wonder if like on previous occasions, when they tried to do this, the SWR went haywire because the signal was reflecting off some nearby metal object in that direction?! Fortunately, I had backup entertainment, Marion`s Attic on WBCQ 7415 via another receiver.

2247 noticed that RSH was back with music, ``Bridge Over Troubled Waters``; S9+12. 2251 message from the postmistress giving dates of past and future philatelic issues, followed by what may have been an Xmas song.

2300 reading an e-mail from Larry Yamron greeting Dave Valko; giving e-mail address and phone number which could not copy. 2302 song ``Wind Beneath My Wings``; 2307 message apparently from a visitor, did not get his name. 2311 country music; 2314 addresses including one at hotmail.co.uk 2319 ``Joy to the World``, jazzed up; brief QRM from some carrier hets but did not want to detune to locate them.

2322 full ID with SW and MW frequencies, asking for reports; had received 400(?) e-mails. Fax(?) QRM on low side worsens; song by Gene Autry(?). 2330 ``God Save the Queen`` which one would take as a sign-off, but kept on going at 2331 with other music on slide guitar. 2334 mentioning about to rejoin BBCWS relay (at hourtop?), then no more announcements but soft jazz still at 2337, 2341; 2344 started another piece then finally cut it off, that was presumably it, and I stopped listening.

Most of this was on the usual rig, FRG-7 with E-W external random wire, and/or a longer mostly NW/SE random wire which usually picks up more local noise, but I also tried the Sony ICF SW-07, which has

tighter selectivity avoiding the QRM on side; it also step-tunes, so hard to get the SSB pitch just right. Signal strength to the ear was about the same on it, using the Sony loop in a south-facing window. Thanks to all involved for another enjoyable RSHD (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, You wrote: But people are asking how much return postage are they supposed to send now in what form? This info does not appear to be accessible on the website, other than your announcement ``the usual``.

The RETURN POSTAGE is the same as last year: at least 3 IRCs or 5 Euros or 5 GBPounds or 3 USDollars. Sorry about the monetary conversion rates. The 5 Euro banknote is the smallest banknote in Euro-Land.

The AIRMAIL-POSTAGE required from the USA is USDollars 0.94, from Germany Euro 1.70, from England GBP 0.81, from Switzerland SFR 1.80 and for other countries, please ask at the local post office. Glad to hear that so many people could hear the RSD 2008 broadcasts. BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN to USE the NEW postal route for letters to Radio St. Helena. Best 73's de (Robert Kipp, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 8-117, Re: Radio St. Helena Address Modification --- Hi Don, I bet it would be possible to send a UK-stamped envelope for remailing to any UK post office with a letter of explanation. The outside envelope might be addressed something like "Post Master, Main Post Office, London, UK". David Walcutt, OR, Nov 12, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Starting over, here`s the RSHD thread from NASWA yg:

Heard testing at about S4/S5 in NJ from 1930-1940 (Daniel L. Srebnick, Nov 15, NASWA yg via DXLD)

11092.5 at *2000 --- Fair signal although conditions seemed somewhat noisy. Fading around 2020 but hopefully things will improve later. Opened with time pips, music fanfare and opening remarks by Gary Walters. The Governor gave some opening remarks (Rich D`Angelo, ibid.)

11092.5-USB, Radio St. Helena, Strong signal at 2035 in announced Cantonese. 73 (Bob Wilkner, FL, ibid.)

11092.5 U, Much improved signal from 2045, Flat and Scruggs, emails read 2052. Holding in well. Chorale music now (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, ibid.)

Curious, at 2227, suddenly bumped up to mostly readable and I thought they had changed the beam. But at 2229 vanished totally! What's going

on? I wonder if they know what their beam headings really are?? The "European" beam seemed to be poorly received in eastern Europe and rather well received in eastern North America. When they supposedly altered the beam for North Am, I had a brief burst, stronger than anything earlier, and now, I am getting nothing. I wonder if they are really going outside and eyeballing if the beam is headed the way that their inside indicator says. Is anyone hearing anything now > 2235 (Don Jensen, WI, ibid.)

Same experience in northern California. Good "to Europe" earlier, but barely audible at 2240 (Bob Coomler, W6RJC, Cloverdale, CA, ibid.)

I also heard a very brief burst around 2228, then it died. Barely moving my needle now. The beam to japan was the best here in eastern North America. All downhill from there. OK--all of a sudden, burst at 2245 and very good !!! (Steve Price, Johnstown, PA, 400` beverage and buried ground counterpoise, R-5000, ibid.)

Sudden dramatic improvement at 2245ish. Had sent them an email when I noticed I wasn't the only one having reception woes, got this reply just about the time things picked up: --mark

Hi Mark, We were a bit late in beaming direct to the USA. However, can confirm now at 22:46 utc that we are beaming direct to you. Let us know the results in a few minutes. Best regards, Radio St. Helena Team (via Mark Schiefelbein, MO, ibid.)

Yes, improved substantially about 2246. Now, 2301, fairly good on mx, but with speech maybe 25 percent copy. I can catch words, phrases, mentions of R. St. Helena, but getting context is not easy. Now is only slightly poorer than last year (Don Jensen, WI, ibid.)

Youngest R. St. Helena Day Listener

I have been in contact with Robert Kipp and Gary Roberts over the past few weeks. Last year, we had our first born son Noah who was born on Nov 29, 2007. On RSH Day 2007, Noah was just a mere 17 days old.

For the occasion, I took a picture of us at the radio celebrating RSH Day 2007 and sent it to RSH. Robert Kipp and the staff were elated that Noah was the youngest RSH Day listener and would experience two RSH Days before he was one year old.

The even have our picture hung up on their bulletin board. Robert said that they would celebrate this event by announcing Noah's name as the youngest RSH Day listener on record. Gary took pictures of their bulletin board and sent them to Robert Kipp and me.

At 2301 today, RSH announced me and my son's name as the youngest listener celebrating RSH day (last year). Peaking at S-7 with a very good copy. Christmas music at 2319 with Joy to the World with peaks to S-9.

Many thanks to Robert and Gary for their attention to me and my family. It is really special to know that we are a part of RSH Day and hold the 'youngest listener' position. Thanks again guys, it is an honor (Stephen Price and son Noah, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, ibid.)

Pretty much solid copy here (though weaker after 2230) since first heard at 1929 with brief test with BBC to Africa feed. Dropped off substantially after 2230, much like last year after the beam change to NA. Not certain how that antenna is situated, but it certainly has some strange lobes. Listening today with the Drake R7, 3 kHz Sherwood filter, AGC off, and 200' wire aimed down their throats.

Played what I think was a rendition of "God Save The Queen" near 2330, then into what I might consider to be 'elevator music' or 'shopping mall music' up until 2343 or so then seemingly pulled the plug. It was fun! (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, ibid.)

Yeah, here it got very, very, very, VERY weak --- or even off, at 2229. When I tuned back at 2249 there was a good signal again. It looks to me that they needed some time to switch the antenna and power up the transmitter (David Walcutt, Eugene OR, ibid.)

Radio St Helena heard at 2000 UT. Heard time pips, then music (anthem?), then guy giving Radio St. Helena ID and mediumwave freq (and wavelength in meters) and shortwave freq. Announcer played tape of Governor of St. Helena and assorted music pieces. SINPO 35444. Boston, MA (Paul McDonough, Nov. 15, ibid.)

11092.5-USB, R. St. Helena, 11/15, heard various time from 2145 tune in until 2305, when I quit. Ups and downs, very poor to brief bursts of fair reception. Overall, somewhat disappointing (Don Jensen, WI, ibid.)

I started listening at about 2220. Set up in a park across the street from my apartment (I live in Corvallis, Oregon) and was using a 2010 with a 30' wire. For most of the broadcast I had the preamp off. During the deep fades, I switched it on though. Initially the signal was VERY good. Almost all the signal level lights on the 2010 were lit. After they fixed the antenna problem at 2246 the signal returned to the same levels as they were before the antenna change at 2230. In some ways the European beam was better than the North American beam.

2220 ID w/address

2221 Mx
2223 ID w/broadcast info and mention of receiving 303 emails
2225 Mx
2227 ID and mx ID (Eagles song); mention of DX clubs who had supported the transmission (DSWCI, Benelux, NASWA among those mentioned)
2229 Garbled signal and fade out
2231 Barely audible
2231 Mx - VERY faint (sounded like Simon and Garfunkel "Cecilia")
2237 Muddy audio
2242 VERY deep fade
2243 VERY strong carrier came up, no content
2246 Fade up, good signal, orchestral version of Bridge over Troubled Waters
2250 Man talking, St. Helena Postmistress with information about a 90 year commemorative program, xmas mail info and postage stamp sales program
2255 ID and into man singing
2300 Mx ID, stn ID, mention of email from Larry Yamron to Dave Valko
2301 Stn email address
2302 Bette Midler singing one of her songs
2306 Mx ID, stn ID
2306 Man from Kew Gardens talking about the (re?)discovery of a rare plant (Hiberia ?) native to St Helena that was found on the island
2311 Mention of 350 emails received
2312 Country western mx
2314 Mx ID, stn email address, phone number, freq. info
2315 YL singing
2318 email read from Ga. (US)
2319 YL singing xmas song
2321 ID w/freq info
2322 Time check
2323 Mention that 400 emails had been received
2328 ID, "Thanks for tuning in", "Good bye"
2330 "God Save the Queen"
2331 Orchestral mx
2334 Man talking, close out, ID, mx
2236 Ended listening session (Mike Wolfson, OR, ibid.)

MORE REPORTS, WE HOPE UNDUPLICATED, FROM VARIOUS OTHER LISTS:

11092.5-USB, R. St. Helena Getting them on the Eton E1 portable with just the whip antenna at 2058. Amazing. (15 Nov.) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

Getting fair to good reception of Radio St. Helena (only using my North directed Conti loop!!!) at 2033 UT about investment opportunities in St. Helena. 11092.5 is the frequency using USB. 1 kW.

They then mentioned contact details. Into a 70s song at 2035. Surprisingly strong for this early and beamed to Japan ("It's yesterday once more" in the song). Then faded out at 2040 to nothing, so conditions in the ionosphere are quite variable it seems! (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, Canada, IRCA via DXLD)

Quite good now again at 2151. Tinny audio, but perfectly readable with C&W right now. S4 to S5 on the meter (AOR 7030+) (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Audio de la Radio Santa Helena Captada en San Antonio Chile.-
Cubre desde las 2039 hasta las 2110, son tres muestras de audio de unos 2 minutos cada uno. Si no abre la p·gina tomen el link completo que a veces este sistema lo corta en dos.-
http://radio933.podomatic.com/player/web/2008-11-15T13_46_19-08_00

Espero comentarios y estarÈ atento a ver si la seÒal vuelve m·s tarde. - Luis Valderas (via Santiago San Gil, Venezuela, DXLD)

Now audible at 2100 UT (SIO 141) with the switch to the European beam - but quite weak and noisy at first but now improving SIO 243 (2112 UT). Time pips at 2100, BBC Test Match Special music (Booker T & MGs) and ID with frequencies, etc., followed by Abba Thankyou for the Music. (Unheard for first hour) (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR7030+ longwire, BDXC UK via DXLD)

Poor signal when checked from 2215 onwards here in New Delhi. Nil at 2000, 2220 (Raman VU3DJQ, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

New [sic] 11092.5, *2000-2344* SHN, Sat 15.11, R St. Helena Day, Pounceys. English ID's, announcement, information about St. Helena, greetings in Japanese and German, response from listeners, many evergreens, transmitter break 2229-2246, faint signal with deep fades 15221 - 25333 (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS and 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

11092.5, RADIO SANTA HELENA. Jamestown, Santa Helena. 2000-2300 nov 15. A las 2000 seÒal horaria y seÒal de intervalo, con saludos y menciÛn a la transmisiÛn especial, luego de unos minutos con baja seÒal, chequeada en varios momentos. A las 2229 con el saludo en espaÒol enviado a la emisora por el amigo Santiago San Gil desde Venezuela. M˙sica en inglÈs. En mi opiniÛn personal notada con seÒal m·s baja que en anteriores oportunidades (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Fomeque, Cundinamarca - COLOMBIA, SONY 2010, Dipolo de 15 metros, playdx yg via DXLD)

RSH - Auto Log --- In one of my more unusual loggings, I had to set up a software recorder for RSH at my Fallbrook CA QTH as I was enroute

from New York City to Boston during the broadcast...there is always the chance that we would lose power at my QTH while no one was home but fortunately the system worked...after remotely logging into the home PC (via gotomypc.com) I found I had a 3 hr 35 min recording of RSH - unfortunately did not anticipate a late s/off so missed the last 10 min. From the *2000 start, the signal was audible, but weak with a higher than normal noise lvl. RSH didn't seem to materially improve until 2246, at which time the signal took a noticeable jump from S2 to S3 and gradually improved to nearly S4 by the end of my recording at 2335. Did not hear the jump that some folks reported at 2112. All in all, a nice signal into WCNA from 2246 (Bruce Churchill, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

RSH address arcania. Here is a small point that is maybe worth noting: in the USPS on-line postage rate calculator http://ircalc.usps.gov/ SH is listed as "Saint Helena," not "St. Helena" or "St. Helena Island." Some destinations are shown as both "Saint" and "St.," but SH is shown only as "Saint," and no "Island."

The listings in the "Country Listing" section of USPS Pub. 51, "International Postal Prices and Fees"
<http://pe.usps.com/cpim/ftp/pubs/pub51/pub51.pdf>
do not track those in the rate calculator, but in Pub. 51 there are no entries under "St."; everything is "Saint."

Yes, the USPS has it in their computer system only as Saint Helena, so it might be better to spell it out that way on your envelope (Jerry Berg-NY-USA, and Chris Lobdell, DXplorer Nov 18 via BC-DX via DXLD)

St.H. 2008 resumen (in EUR). R. St. Helena log resumen in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Holland; according reports in A-DX Austrian mailing list.

11092.5 kHz 2000-2330 (rather til 2344 UT on air, acc to Uwe Volk. "God save the Queen" at 2330 UT)

To emphasise: propagation was rather very lousy in Europe too, St.H. signal seemed to be poorly received here, much less in signal strength, compared to transmissions in previous years.

Propagation towards Brazil, Canada and USA gave them a competitive edge in these countries. I can copy the comment mail of Paul from Illinois:

"What relatively little was able to copy of the broadcast was during a few infrequent and sudden peaks in signal strength. The sig would come up out of the noise suddenly and then almost disappear just as suddenly. Most of the broadcast was not intelligible."

12 reporters were successful according A-DX mailing list: Clemens Paul-D DL4RAJ, Martin Boesch-SUI, Thomas Schubaur-D DL1TS, Hans Pammer-AUT, Patrick Robic-AUT, Felix Lechte-D, Christoph Ratzer-AUT OE2CRM, Uwe Volk-D, Guenter Lorenz-D, Herbert Meixner-AUT, and Max van Arnhem-HOL.

They used rigs up to professional gear class like Rhode & Schwarz EK890 [up to S=2 0.50 uV], Watkins Johnson, Perseus, IC-7800, Kenwood TS-850SAT, AOR AR7030, Drake R4B, EKD300, NRD535DG. And antennas used up to 2 x 46 meter dipols [12-21dB over noise up to S7 on seldom peak bumps on Perseus], 75 meter beverage at 215 degr.

One of the successful participants was also Felix Riess DL1XL, the operator of the German Antarctic Neumayer research station under - then - call sign DP1POL with 500-700 watts in 2002-2004. He will leave Europe in Dec 2008, and will work at the new German Antarctic research facility "Neumayer III" from 2009 til March 2010 again.

see information and pictures on
<http://neumayer.realnature-expedition.de/>

Yours truly had miserable St.H. reception yesterday night. Not a peep here for the entire time span 2000-2344 UT. Log at 2030 UT, only few tiny carriers on 25 mb visibleÖ Not a peep of '25 mb top dog' WWCR 12160 here in Europe tonight, not to mention of missing 250 kilowatt beasts at Madagascar, Botswana, S„o TomÈ and Ascension. At 2105 UT the 25 mb was 'dead as a dodo'. At 2220 UT the 25 mb recovered from dead. Best signal 12010 AUS RA ABC via Darwin, 250 kW station of CVI, English program (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Nov 16, BCDX via DXLD)

I ask with due respect, will they go on the air again any other time? (HÈctor PÈrez-DÌaz, NP4FW, HCDX via DXLD)

Who knows, but they have carried out publicized tests once or twice a year, which they do not want to QSL. Probably again around the same date next year will be another RSHD. I really don`t understand why, with the equipment on hand, they don`t just do a regular broadcast relay of their home service; even one hour a day or a week would be something. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

** SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA, Riyadh, 17895 with Qur`an, Nov 15 at 1408. Altho some such broadcasts are quite beautiful musically, this one was not. The reciter had a most unpleasant delivery, including yodel-like sounds (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [and non]. Dear DXers, I've just heard from the technical

director of INTERNATIONAL RADIO SERBIA that because of the problem at 325 degrees antenna at BIJeljina, Bosnia HF center, they are now running a 310 degrees antenna for the following 30-minute broadcast: 0200-0230 UTC on 6190 kHz via BIJ 250 kW/ now 310 degrees, to NoAm in ENGLISH. Best regards! (Dragan Lekic from Subotica, Serbia, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is strange. According to Aoki, which has this erroneously on old 6185, they were already using 310 degrees at 0200. And it does not apply to any of the earlier part of the transmission 0030-0200? 325 must have been intended for C or WNAm (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Dragan, BIJ entries missing in B-08 HFCC table totally. in A-07 season table all entries are 310 degrees, slewed by 0 degr only. 7130 0430-0500 27,28W BIJ 250 325degr 15degr slew in A-07 had an entry of 310 + 15 degrees = 325 degrees. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

You are probably right, dear Wolfy! The director just told me the following "Due to antenna problem all BIJ transmissions are running with 310 degrees, currently" and, of course in the future, the problem will be fixed. By the way, I could not see a single one entry for MOYABI transmitter station in HFCC Data! Kind regards! 73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, ibid.)

Moyabi, Gabon [q.v.] has not appeared in HFCC registrations for several seasons even tho it has been operational, no doubt contributing to the collisions on 17630, 15475 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Dear DXers, INTERNATIONAL RADIO SERBIA finally(!) published B08 schedule on their website:
http://glassrbije.org/E/index.php?
option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=21&Itemid=34
And, if you want to see the schedule which I have received several days ago from the technical director of Intl R Serbia:
http://kepfeltoltes.hu/081116/RADIO_YUGOSLAVIA_B08_www.kepfeltoltes.hu_.jpg
Best regards & many 73s! (Dragan Lekic from Serbia, Nov 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sunday 16 November 2008. Tuned in at 2217 on 6100. Good solid signal with no interference, atmospheric or otherwise. Very nice classical music playing. 2220, a lady starts speaking presumably about the performer and/or the composers career but far too fast to catch the name or take in the details. Next piece of music at 2222, very nice piano music until 2228, then ending announcement, time, frequency, address, email and website. 2229, interval signal for about one minute and off. This is the first time I've heard this broadcast for years due to DRM. Regards (Harry Brooks, NE England, UK, ibid.)

Saludos Harry, hoy 17 de noviembre y por primera vez en B-08 se puede escuchar el servicio en espaÒol de Radio Serbia Int. en 7200, cuando son la 2012, locutor con boletÌn de noticias y segmento musical, SINPO 33443 (Jose Miguel Romero, Spain, ibid.)

SERBIA/SUDAN/BULGARIA: Serbian Radio daytime frequencies remain the same as summer 2008. From 1100 UTC on 7200, from 1900 UTC on 6100 kHz.

The same concerning the reception conditions on 7200:
Free channel and good reception from 1100-1400 UTC in Serbian.
1400-1500 English and Serbian good with some traces of Sudan Radio.
1500-1800 Foreign language service almost unavailable due to strong R. Bulgaria on same fq.; Sudan radio sometimes stronger
1800-1830 Serbia mostly faded out, free channel for Sudan radio
1830-1930 mix of CRI Arabic and Sudan Arabic, some traces of Serbia
1930-2030 CRI Romanian mostly stronger than Serbia, Sudan s/off after 1930
6100 at 1900 stronger but QRM from IRIB Albanian (Udo Krueger, Germany, Nov 10, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18 via DXLD)

** SEYCHELLLES [non]. UAE, 6180, FEBA, 1720-1730* lively Arabic choral music, M 1722 briefly, then more music sounding like Horn of Africa style. 1729 FEBA IS, then Pop-like instrumental music and off. Weak. (14 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD)

** SIKKIM. New 4835.00, 0125-0140, INDIA, 14.11, AIR Gangtok. Nepali talk, Indian songs 23232 heterodyne from Peru 4835.45 + CODAR QRM - not reported since May 2008 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

New 4835.00, 1545-1600* INDIA, 15.11, AIR Gangtok (presumed), Nepali (tentative) conversation, Indian music and song, closing announcement (Language was not Hindi, Urdu or Dari). Seems reactivated! 25232 (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS and 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. Did anyone happen to hear the R. Slovakia International Sunday November 16, 2008 broadcast via shortwave? Unfortunately, I didn't. Visited their website on Monday. Downloaded the November 16, 2008 audio file. Listened and quickly realized this is actually the Sunday November 8, 2008 broadcast. Was the November 8, 2008 broadcast actually a repeat? Or, is this simply a mistake at their website? 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, Virginia USA, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Kraig, Seems to have been just a mistake - the downloads for Sundays 9th and 16th are now different (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, ibid.)

As of Wednesday, November 19, 2008 the download is still wrong. Downloading the Sunday, November 16, 2008 program actually downloads the Sunday, November 9, 2008 program. I've emailed R. Slovakia Int and am awaiting their reply. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, ibid.)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.9, SIBC, Honiara seems off the air, not noted 1000 to 1100 as previously (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Nov 16, Icom 746 Pro and NRD535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. SOMALI POLICE SHUT DOWN AN INDEPENDENT RADIO IN SOMALIA

Mogadishu Monday, 17 November 2008 SMC
http://www.somaliweyn.org/pages/news/Nov_08/17Nov14.html

Forces from the semi-autonomous region of Puntland have shutdown late on Sunday an independent radio in Galkayo town, the head quarters of Mudug region in central Somalia, journalist told Somaliweyn.

The journalist in Galkayo also confirmed, the police took into jail the director of Radio Galkayo, without reasons.

Puntland security officers accused this radio of airing programs exaggerating the candidates of the approaching Puntland presidential elections and having special interviews with candidates.

Hasan Muhammad Jama, the director is still in the custody for his second day, with out court, said Ali Nur, a freelance journalist in Galkayo. Ali added yet the radio is off air.

The order of the closure of radio Galkayo and the arrest of its director was reportedly paid by the Puntland president Mahmud Muse, as he is campaigning in that town for the presidential race, which is due to be hold in the next year.

The Puntland regional administration has been accused of pressurizing and violating media freedom in the region (via Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DXLD)

follow-up:
http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/somalia-puntland-authorities-reopen-radio-gaalkacyo
(via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Brother Scare, 17485, Nov 12 at 1502, good

signal but crummy internet feed with artifacts in speech, theme music. Then found synchronized // approx. 17540 fading in and out, and likewise on 17430, ergo spurs from 17485, which during this hour only is 160 degrees from ``Jew-lick``, as R. G. pronounces the German transmitter site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Which I understand is still run by Media Broadcast staff, just on behalf of the new owner. Check of 6110 that comes on already at 1400: He says that "the whole truth comes only by rebellation", [Revelation?] hm-hm, so-so. And if you call this number you are directly connected to this radio microphone! Which also picks up some constant equipment racket (differing between every recording session, so one can easily tell the edit points) and gets repeated thumbs, as if he holds it in his hand. But no crummy internet feed in between this time. I think the signal source J¸lich uses is the Hotbird 8 feed of TOM, originating from RRSat in Israel. So the question would be how RRSat gets the B.S. live feed (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nov. 16, 6175 kHz, 2152z: RFI French [ISSoudun-France 500 kW/ 204 degrees] MIXING with Brother Scare [WERtachtal, Germany 100 kW/ 300 degrees]. RFI was killing Bro. Scare almost completely (Dragan Lekic from Subotica, SERBIA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oops, under same management too

GERMANY Some changes of Media Broadcast:
New updated schedule of Brother Stair/TOM:
1400-1600 on 6110 JUL 100 kW / 290 deg to WeEu
1400-1500 on 13810 NAU 100 kW / 120 deg to ME
1500-1600 on 13810 NAU 125 kW / 120 deg to ME, additional from Nov.11
1500-1600 on 17485 JUL 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAf
1900-2000 on 3975 WER 125 kw / non-dir to WeEu, deleted till Nov.10
2100-2200 on 6175 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD) see also U S A: WWRB

** SPAIN [and non]. Altho I had previously heard REE later in the afternoon on 9630 instead of originally scheduled 9640 in B-08, on Nov 12 at 2041 check they were still on 9640, with some co-channel under, so not clear if or when they are switching to 9630. 2030-2100 is when REE needs to be off 9640 because of Poland via French Guiana in German back to Europe.

Caught the closing announcement of REE`s weekly EmisiÛn Sefarad again one week later, Monday Nov 17 at 1453 on 15385, and yes, the YL claims 15385 is on 16 meters, and still gives wrong A-08 frequencies for the other two broadcasts. This one cut off abruptly before theme music finished. Language almost sounded like real Castilian, but e.g. ``zero`` pronounced like a Z in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

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** SPAIN. Re: Amigos de la Onda Corta es un programa semanal de Radio Exterior de EspaÒa de 25 minutos de duraciÛn, que dirige y presenta Antonio Buitrago. Se emite por onda corta, satÈlite e Internet, de la siguiente manera: [. . .]

EmisiÛn del DOMINGO 15:30 UTC ?
Europa: 15.585 kHz
AmÈrica del Norte: 17.850* kHz
AmÈrica Central: 17.595 y 9.765* kHz
AmÈrica del Sur: 17.595, 21.570 y 15.125* kHz
¡frica Ecuatorial: : 17.755 kHz
Oriente Medio: 21.610 kHz
(*) Desde el Centro Emisor de Cariari en Costa Rica
(via JosÈ Bueno, Spain, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Como dije hace varios dÌas en DX Listening Digest y en mis informes propios, Amigos de la OC no se encuentra en todas estas frecuencias ni a las 1505 ni 1530 de los domingos. Supongo que pueda estar en la ˙nica 17755 para Africa, que no puedo captar, como programa `duplicado`. 73, (Guillermo Glenn Hauser, Oclajoma, ibid.)

El domingo no escuchÈ el programa en 17755 kHz tampoco. Por ello marco con el signo de interrogante "?" el domingo. Mientras estÈ "Tablero Deportivo" no creo que se emita este dÌa. PreguntarÈ al productor del programa por este tema. Un saludo (JosÈ Bueno, ibid.)

[Luego] Hola: Glenn Hauser nos comentaba que la emisiÛn del domingo de Amigos de la Onda Corta no se escuchÛ en el horario ni en la mayorÌa de frecuencias que se anuncian en su esquema de transmisiÛn. Consultado al director del programa nos dice que; el departamento tÈcnico de REE, le comenta que Amigos de la Onda Corta del domingo se emite sÛlo para Oriente Medio por la frecuencia de 21610 kHz, coincidiendo con la transmisiÛn del Tablero Deportivo, para el resto de zonas, por 17775 kHz [sic; must be 17755]. Hay una duplicidad de emisiones. Cordiales 73 (JosÈ Bueno, CÛrdoba, EspaÒa, Nov 18, ibid.)

So on 21610 only is it at 1505 or 1530? Why is it like pulling teeth to get precise info from the horse`s mouth? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11750.00, 1822-1900, Sri Lanka BC, Colombo?? Sinhalese, Nov 14. Male and female talks, non stop Asian music. At 1832 announcements by female. I returned to the 1855, people pray, at 1900, off tx. 35333 (DG-B) Audio file-
http://www.ipernity.com/doc/74708/3430527/
73 (Denis Gouveia/Aracaju SE/Brazil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. Re 7200, 8-117, schedule? According to Africalist and Africa on Shortwave http://www.muenster.org/uwz/ms-alt/africalist/
R. Omdurman 7200 (Africa on Shortwave)
0230v-2230v daily AA 7200khz

R. Omdurman 7200 (Africalist) 0200/0300-2200/2230

Despite last Aoki
7200 R. Omdurman 1500-2000 1234567 AA
7200 R. Omdurman 2000-2100 1234567 AA 73 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. RADIO DABANGA LAUNCHES ON SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

A new radio station launches on Saturday 15 November, supported by Radio Netherlands Worldwide. Radio Dabanga will be broadcasting to the Darfur region of Sudan in Sudanese Arabic and local languages at 0429-0527 UTC on 13800 kHz via Madagascar. It will also be broadcasting on satellite via WRN's Sawt Al Alam channel on Hotbird, Arabsat BADR4 and Nilesat 101, via podcasts and downloadable files via the Web. The website isn't active yet, and I don't have the URL at the moment (Andy Sennitt, Media Network newsletter Nov 13 via DXLD)

Will it be 7 days? Yes, per RNW online sked:
0429 0527 MDC 13800 325 15-11-08 29-03-09 250 NEW Mul 1234567 eAF
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is this the same as previously discussed, in DXLD 8-108, with a now year-old release at
http://www.pressnow.nl/asp/countries_news_details.asp?NewsID=134&CountryID=82&offset=
and linking to http://www.totzoverdarfur.nl/home.php
and also http://www.radiodarfur.fm/
none of which mention a Radio Dabanga --- name just chosen? Does that mean ``thus far``? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was on test on 7245 via MDG in July 2008? 13800 is southern summer propagation frequency?
13800 0429-0527 47E,48,52E,53 MDC 250 325 MDG NEW RNW
History: 7245 via Madgascar limited from July 5 til Sept 1st only. YFR? Brokered by RNW to East Africa (tentative to Darfour, Sudan, ERI/ETH, SOM ??) 7245 kHz at 0300-0355 UT, 250 kW at 320 degrees (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 10, 2008) (Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's amazing how DXers can make something straightforward seem so complicated :-) The test was specifically to Darfur, and YFR was not and is not involved in any way with this project. We did carry out

some tests for a few days in the summer, which if I recall were carrying RNW English. That coincided with a visit by someone from Press Now to one of the refugee camps, and the exact dates were not known until the last moment, so I guess Jan Peter Werkman (our Frequency Manager) registered them for longer. The actual tests lasted less than a week, and I seem to recall that GH logged one on the final day. At that time, the project was still in the planning stage, and we were asked not to publicise it (Andy Sennitt (RNW), ibid.)

This inaugural broadcast was observed this morning on WRN's "Sawt al-Alam" stream on the Hot Bird satellite (13 degrees East, 12597 MHz, vertical, SR 27500, FEC 3/4) at 0430-0525 UT.

Programming mainly consisted of ethnic music interspersed with identification and promotional announcements in Arabic and Sudanese vernaculars, which included their email address - radiodabanga @ yahoo.com

As these observations are by means of an unattended recording, I did not get the opportunity to check the publicised shortwave frequency of 13800 kHz. However, I did hear a frequency ending in "00" announced.

This service is not mentioned in WRN's Sawt al-Alam web page, and the schedule given there is quite different to what I heard on this satellite stream - Radio Dabanga was preceded by Radio Romania International, and followed by Radio Canada International, both in Arabic, of course.

Typing "radiodabanga.com" into my browser led to a Dutch-hosted website, stating that the URL is registered for future use by one of their customers.

As the recording I made of this is relatively lengthy (3 mins+) I've not uploaded it to dxldyg, but it can be heard at Interval Signals Online - http://www.intervalsignals.net - along with the Aso Radio International clip recorded yesterday (David Kernick, Nov 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This station was observed at 0430 UT on 18 November 2008 on a WRN live audio stream, accessible from Sawt al-Alam's web page at http://www.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=134 in parallel with the Hot Bird satellite feed.

I heard nothing on 13800 kHz, nor did I expect it to propagate here (David Kernick, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New 13800.00, 0450-0500, CLANDESTINE, Mon 17.11, R Dabanga, via Talata-Volonondry, Madagascar. Sudanese Arabic talk abour Darfur, Horn

of Africa music, four ID's: "Radio Dabanga", frequency announcement - and disappeared in local noise, maybe s/off. New clandestine since 15.11; 35343 (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS and 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. GERMANY/MADAGASCAR(non) New station Radio Dabanga in Arabic from Nov. 15:
0430-0525 on 7315 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to CeAf [QRM to WHRI/DWC Sat]
13800 MDC 250 kW / 325 deg to CeAf
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Re 8-116: AFFIA DARFUR, RADIO SAWA SUDAN program live link
mms://a1874.l211041091.c2110.g.lm.akamaistream.net/D/1874/2110/v0001/reflector:4\1091
(Harry Brooks, NE England, UK, ibid.)

AS I WAS AFRAID, THERE IS NO STREAMING OF AFFIA DARFUR ON THE INTERNET! I`ve checked this stream on 14. November at 1801z, and there was only music from Radio Sawa - Sudan. Affia Darfur is only for Darfur, and has no stream on the web, only on SW and satellites. Regards! (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. via Meyerton, South Africa, 15325, Southern Sudan Interactive Radio Instruction, 1302-1330*, Nov 14, English language lesson with frequent doorbell cues. Drums. ID at 1325. Local Africa music at 1326. Poor to fair. Mon, Wed, Fri only. Similar programming, but not //, on 15250 with a very weak-threshold signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SOUTH AFRICA, 15750, SSIRI via Meyerton, 1506-1512, 35333 English, I study in a quiz form (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 7280, UAE, Sudan Radio Service, Dhabbaya. November 14, Arabic, 0406-0417 OM and YL talks between short music, many ID¥s "SRS". 34433 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Via Sines, Portugal, 17745 NF, Sudan Radio Service, *1500-1531, Nov 15, New Frequency. ex-17690. English programming with IDs. ``Lets Talk`` program about local Sudanese issues. Short breaks of local music. Talk about human rights violations in Sudan. Multi-lingual IDs at 1530. Arabic at 1531. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UAE: 13720, Sudan R. Service via UAE Nov 05 0538-0559* 35232 English, Talk, ID at 0559, 0559 sign off.

13720, Sudan R. Service via UAE Nov 06 0520-0530 35433 Arabic, Talk, ID at 0521.

13720, Sudan R. Service via UAE Nov 12 0500-0516 34433 Arabic, IS, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD)

** SWEDEN [non]. Rarely try to pick up R. Sweden`s remaining Sackville relay, 6010, since it`s in my busy evenings, but Nov 18 at 0249 I heard George Wood with SAH and a lot of interference from LA, no doubt R. Mil and/or LV de tu Conciencia. If they are going to do this, R. Sweden should at least find a clear frequency. Believe me, LA`s do count if as nothing more than annoying QRM from the standpoint of a trans-Atlantic broadcaster. And R. Mil has tried for years to get Sweden off 6010, the only frequency Mil can use, to no avail (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWITZERLAND [and non]. 531 kHz, Berom¸nster will be on the air until 2159:59 on Sunday December 28, 2008. On December 29, 30 and 31 the station will run a service loop announcing that Musikw%lle is no longer transmitted. After that the frequency will be open for the reception of other stations, like Algeria, the Faroe Islands, Spain, Russia and Romania. With a good deal of luck even Botswana, Twoje Radio (Poland) or Tanzania might be heard (Wolfgang B¸schel/Bengt Ericson, Nov ARC Information Desk via DXLD)

** SYRIA. Dear Radio Friends, The website of RTV Syria, http://www.rtv.gov.sy got a major overhaul. It looks great and attractive (if you can read Arabic).

The recordings of the daily German program are also back online after a short break. You can find them on this page : http://www.rtv.gov.sy/index.php?m=541

At the end of the page you will see "Deutsches Programme" (German program).

Still hoping to have in the near future the English and other language programs online too. In the mean time you can listen to Radio Damascus on the satellite frequencies of Hotbird, Arabsat and Nilesat.

Hot Bird 3 at 13.0 E : 12380 Mhz
Nilesat 101 at 7.0 W : 11823 Mhz
Badr 4   at 26.0 E : 12054 Mhz

The times and frequencies are :
1600-1700 UTC/GMT Turkish daily 9330 Khz and satellite

1700-1800 UTC/GMT Russian daily 9330 Khz and satellite
1800-1900 UTC/GMT German daily 9330 Khz and satellite
1900-2000 UTC/GMT French daily 9330 Khz and satellite
2000-2100 UTC/GMT English daily on satellite
2100-2200 UTC/GMT English daily 9330 Khz and satellite
2200-2300 UTC/GMT Spanish daily 9330 Khz and satellite

And please, do send them a letter, short message or reception report.
The address is :

Radio Damascus
P.O. Box 4702
Damascus
Syria

The website for the (unofficial) Radio Damascus Listeners Club :
http://www.radio-damascus-listeners-club.tk/
or http://groups.yahoo.com/group/radio_damascus/

Greetings (Kris Janssen, Belgium, Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And note that WBCQ has adjusted its frequency much closer to 9330.0, so now any Syrian undermodulated carrier should only help demodulate the CUSB from WBCQ rather than het it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. One good tip to offer from Newfoundland is Tajikstan on 972 kHz, VOA's R. Aap Ki Dunyea broadcast to Pakistan. Noted with a pre-sign-on announcement at 0050 with contact info for VOA, then on with VOA ID and Yankee Doodle signature at 0100. All in Urdu language, as far as I know. Listed as 500 kW from Orzu (Jim Renfrew, with Chuck Hutton and Saul Chernos, at Cappahayden NL. Nov 13, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765, Dushanbe is apparent winner against the Indian station on the same freq (Leh? [no --- gh]) at S7 having very poor QRM from Leh. This time Dushanbe airs traditional music with stringed instruments 16th Nov (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TATARSTAN [non]. 9860, RUSSIA, "Radio Tatarstana" (Rossii network) via Samara 0710-0800 UT Nov 15, noted at 0730 and 0758 with good audio quality, compared to buzz covered transmissions on other Samara outlets of R Tatarstana, especially on 11925/11915 kHz in past years. Many station R Tatarstana ID's of various voices around 0756-0759 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TATARSTAN [non]. RUSSIA (non) B-08 Tatarstan Wave in Tatar/Russian:
0510-0600 on 15105 SAM 160 kW / 065 deg to FE
0710-0800 on 9860 SAM 250 kW / 058 deg to RUS

0910-1000 on 11915 SAM 250 kW / 305 deg to WeEu
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** THAILAND [non]. Modification to BBCWS temporary schedule via Madagascar --- VT Communications have advised us that BBC World Service transmissions via Madagascar will be required over the weekend and into next week, until further notice. The transmission on 17790 will end at 0428 UT as from tomorrow so the revised schedule will be:
English 0100-0200 UT on 11955 kHz 250 kW beam 050 degrees
Hindi 0230-0300 UT on 15405 kHz 250 kW beam 050 degrees
English 0300-0428 UT on 17790 kHz 250 kW beam 050 degrees (November 14th, 2008 - 15:56 UT by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)
see also UK [non]

** TIBET. 6200, PBS Xizang, 1630-1700, Nov 12, assume the Holy Tibet program, clearly in English, played variety of music. Have been monitoring this recently and the reception has been slowly improving. This is tantalizingly close to making out what is being said. Maybe in another few weeks and with good conditions, I may be able to get details of what they are talking about (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET, 6200, "Holy Tibet" program via Xizang PBS - Lhasa, 1630-1700, Nov 18, the best reception so far. "This is China ... English program Holy Tibet", "... joining us at Holy Tibet"; about the social services system; promo for medical massages, gives specific directs to a place in Lhasa ("or go to a hotel and ask for directions"), gives prices for the various massages and how long they take (I am surprised that this promo sounded identical to the one I heard while listening to this program during my visit to Shanghai back in April, 2007); played assume Tibetan indigenous music and songs. Still a struggle to understand what is said, but reception is clearly improving (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905 - CHINA (Tibet) - PBS Lhasa // 4920 Tibetan service at 1730 UT with music program. AIR-Chennai under 4920 until they s/off at 1740. Very Good Nov 9.

4820 - CHINA (Tibet) - PBS Lhasa in Chinese at 1755 UT Nov 9. Music with brief announcement at 1800 then s/off. Very Good (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Icom R-71a, KLM 7-30 MHz Log and beverages, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. VOT, 12035, Wed Nov 12 at 1405 concluding Letterbox by recommending the TRT-4 stream for those who like Turkish classical music. That`s button 4 on the bottom side of the player at http://www.trt.net.tr/wwwtrt/canli.aspx since the one at the top

labeled TRT-4 is for television. Ah, just brought it up, nice music, except for news on the hour, when they keep playing non-classical music underneath, the news being just too boring to listen to without a music bed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Today (Sat, Nov. 15) CAKirlar, Turkey 250 kW, 290 degrees 0900-0925z Voice of Turkey in Macedonian with excellent reception but with low modulation. The CAK stuff did not turned off the tx, so the interval signal continued, and at 0930z on 11895 kHz I've heard the following: It's exactly 1830 Turkish time, 1730 Belgrade time [1630z], this is the Voice of Turkey in Serbian on 7170 kHz. As of Monday November 17, 2008 this transmission will be moved to 1130 Turkey time, 1030 Belgrade time [0930z]. At 0933 the tx dropped carrier. I assume this the internet/satellite only broadcast, a taped playback, which from Nov. 17 will be a live transmission. Does ANYONE know, are there any more changes as of this upcoming Monday? 73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Dragan According to a mail sent by a friend of the French service, Croatian, Serbian and Bosnian will be on FM only from Nov 17. Regards (JM Aubier, France, ibid.)

Dear Jean-Michel Thank you for quick action. But, here in Serbia, I can not hear VOT on any FM station, so probably they mean to say "on satellite and internet streaming/podcasts only". With kind regards, (Dragan, ibid.)

** TURKEY. VOT, The DX Corner, Sat Nov 15 at 1352-1357 on 12035, tuned in missing first minute. Chief announcer was reading partial schedules of Portugal, Slovakia, as they have appeared recently in DXLD, and in between an item about Romania`s 100 kW transmitter being back on air Saftica since Oct 8 with schedule. Besides his accent, he was going far too fast, for even me to copy everything accurately even if I had wanted to. What`s the point of such a program? The Portugal schedule is so complex it does not lend itself to being conveyed verbally, especially in such a hurry. He also kept referring to the Slovakia broadcasts around 0100 as to ``North Africa`` rather than North America!

He added one more item about VOT itself, that from Dec 17, Dari, and Pashto, and Afghan Uzbek to Afghanistan would expand from 30 to 60 minutes, and Bosnian would be on FM frequency TBA.

This contradicts one version of the B-08 schedule which showed:
Dari-Uzbek-Peshtu(2) 7155 41 1600-1700 CAK 250
Dari-Uzbek-Peshtu(3) 7155 41 1600-1730 CAK 250
(2): This transmission will be on the air 26 October-31 December 2008
(3): This transmission will be on the air 01 January-28 March 2009

I.e. the three languages are already sharing a one hour block which would be expanded to a one-sesquihour block on January 1. And is that Dec 17 date correct? Dragan Lekic heard VOT announce a schedule change in Serbian effective Nov 17. One might try to monitor Saturday/UT Sunday repeats of DX Corner at 51 or 21 minutes after the hours.

Repeated at 1949-1955 UT on webcast starting with Iran in English B-08 schedule first, then as above (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Voice of Turkey has opened in "new" website (redesigned)
==> http://www.trt.net.tr
Regards (JM Aubier, France, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But the new website makes you search again for the live audio linx. Here`t the one we want:
http://www.trt.net.tr/Canli/anasayfa.aspx?kanal=RDVOT

Now we can listen to the entire 1330 and 1930 English broadcasts, and a few interviews are archived. But what about the previous podcast archive of certain programs? Remains to be seen how long the full broadcasts remain available, but at least we should be able to hear Live from Turkey later the same day, after Tuesday 1930+, Thursday 1330+ (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There's a link at the top of the pages. Here's the direct link :
http://www.trt.net.tr/Galeri/Podcast.aspx?dil=en
(J-M Aubier, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On Live from Turkey, Nov 18, they were plugging the new website, to be dubbed ``News Portal to the World``, huge multimedia site in 30 languages, to be inaugurated this Thursday with big opening ceremony at Ankara HQ (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, VOT via Sackville has been missing or inaudible here in Seattle area for a couple of weeks. I see that you heard them at the new 0400 in late October. Have you heard them since? Thanks,
(Eric Bryan, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Eric, Had not checked it lately but I did tonight, and at 0400 yes, 7325 is on, but pretty weak, no comparison to 7335 VOR via French Guiana. But 7325 is a lot better than 6020 direct from Turkey, which also has Peruvian het. 73, (Glenn to Eric, UT Nov 17, ibid.)

Thanks Glenn, Yeah, the new VOR/7335 has been booming in with a straight 5s SINPO. I don't know why VOT Sackville is suddenly shot here. When it first appeared on 7325, it was a really solid signal

here, making VOT "casual" listening (Eric Bryan, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, If you haven't seen it yet, the new TRT/VOT website is up and running. As you reported, it's much more English friendly, with an English link on the homepage. So, the good news is it's easier for a non-polyglot like me to use; See you, (Eric Bryan, Nov 18, ibid.)

Here are some new DIRECT links for the Voice of Turkey:
TURKISH: http://www.trt-world.com
ENGLISH: http://www.trtenglish.com
GERMAN: http://www.trtdeutsch.com
BOSNIAN: http://www.trtbosanski.com
.... (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, Nov 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've checked the audios on new TRT (VOT) website, and apparently the English audio is regularly updated for streaming (WMA / 52-68 kbps / 44kHz / stereo), but the Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian show only audio for Nov. 16! I mean for the entire shows. By the way, here are the direct link for VOR live streaming [all are WMA / 48 kbps / 44 kHz/ mono]:
TSR (VOT TURKISH): mms://212.156.63.102/RDTSR
VOT WORLD: mms://212.156.63.102/RDVOT
VOT EAST: mms://212.156.63.102/RDVOT2
VOT WEST: mms://212.156.63.102/RDTSR2

But the problem is there is no schedule on this new website, and we don't know which language goes on which channel. Best regards! (Dragan Lekic from Serbia Nov 19, ibid.)

** UGANDA. 4750, Dunamis SW, Mukono, 1820-1903*, Oct 28, heard weak and disturbed. But I managed to send them a report by e-mail which quickly was answered by the woman who takes care of the program from Uganda, Ms Violette Cynthia. She wrote in English, but mostly speaks "Vernacular" (Bj^rn Fransson, V%sterhejde, Gotland, Sweden, DSWCI DX Window Nov 12 via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4750, R. Dunamis back in operation after antenna repairs according to a recent e-mail from Marty McLaughlin at Bible Voice Broadcasting. Scheduled operations are 1500-1900 UT (1800-2200 Uganda time). One of the announcers is named Cynthia, who apparently is developing quite the listening audience. The station is getting out better than before according to reports received from throughout Uganda (Bruce W Churchill, CA, Nov 12, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

4750, Dunamis R (if not, then what?), Mukono, 1807-1900*, 15 Nov, vernacular, African pops, hymn at [abrupt] s/off; 25432. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Whatever became

of Radio Peace, southern SUDAN on same 4750? (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. At last, in the end of year 2008, the National Radio Company of Ukraine got the financial help for the needs of National and International radio broadcasting in Ukraine. The help was aimed for maintaining the transmitting facilities of the Ukrainian Radio, which were put out of operation during some time or have been leased by the Voice of Russia. So from the 24-th of October the following transmissions were added to existing ones, all times UT:

Three transmitters were planned to be added for broadcasting the UR1 channel: in Oktiabrske (Crimea) 150 kW on 648 kHz; in Krasne (Lviv) 1000 kW on 936 kHz; in Vinnitsa 30 kW on 1530 kHz.

Three transmitters were switched again on UR2 channel ìRadio Prominî on 549 kHz: in Brovary (Kyiv) 150 kW; in Luch (Mykolaiv) 500 kW; in Krasne (Lviv) 70 kW.

The 1000 kW transmitter in Luch (Mykolaiv) up to now has been leased by the Voice of Russia. Now it resumed broadcasting of the third channel of the Ukrainian Radio UR3 ìRadio Kulíturaî on the traditional frequency of 1431 kHz.

In the previous issue of WWORD #156 I had read to you the winter B08 tentative schedule of Radio Ukraine International. Now Iíll introduce to you the list of additional transmissions of Radio Ukraine International.

On 936 kHz the Lviv 1000 kW transmitter broadcasts the RUI programs to Europe from 2300 to 0300.

On 7285 kHz the Mykolaiv 100 kW transmitter broadcasts RUI programs from 0300 to 0600 and from 1300 to 1500. But from 0600 to 1300 on the same frequency the second channel of the Ukrainian Radio UR2 ìRadio Prominî is on the air. Then, at 1500 this transmitter changes its frequency to 6020 kHz, where RUI continues its programs to 1800, and after that up to 0200 the ìProminî channel is on the air again. I must only add that the transmissions on these two frequencies are going in direction to the North of East Europe with azimuth 4 degrees.

Another Mykolaiv 250 kW transmitter serves the South America on 9785 kHz from 1900 to 0300 with azimuth 245 degrees. The programming consists of Radio Ukraineís International transmissions in Ukrainian from 1900 to 2000, from 2300 to 0100 and from 0200 to 0300 hours; one-hour program in English on 9785 kHz goes at 2000, 2200 and 0100; in German at 2100 hours.

The 1000 kW shortwave transmitter in Lviv now renewed transmissions to

Australia after 8 years of interruption. Frequency is 15635 kHz, time from 0600 to 1400 hours. One-hour English language programs are on the air at 0600, 1000 and 1200 hours. The Ukrainian programs go on the air all other time.

Itís a pity that such additional transmissions of the Ukrainian Radio can be guaranteed only to the end of this year. The future of them depends on the Ukrainian budget 2009 (Olex Yegorov, RUI Whole World on the Radio Dial Nov 1 via DXLD)

We already had most of this info, but the above may give some more detail, as it is organized by transmitter (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U K [non]. BBCWS in English, which had been missing from 5975 the last few days due to flooding in Thailand forcing the relay station off the air, was back Nov 12 at 1335, something about WWII, and recheck 1431 in news headlines. Weak but clear, about the same as Thailand had been, so where is this coming from now? Andy Sennitt, Media Network heard from VTC that Nakhon Sawan would not be back until next week. There could be multiple secret substitutions for the idled 4 x 250 kW transmitters, and we hope they were not actually damaged, but the only substitutes we have been told about concern three other transmissions moved to Madagascar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Andy, can you get details of any other substitute relays? (Glenn Hauser November 13th, 2008 - 5:29 UT, Media Network blog via DXLD)

The broadcasts via Nakhon Sawan, and their temporary replacements, are the responsibility of VT Communications. Iíve been told by a colleague in Programme Distribution that they have not sent any updated information via HFCC, and presumably other broadcasters involved have chosen not to publish relevant details. So we simply donít have any more information. Sorry (Andy Sennitt November 13th, 2008 - 13:36 UT, ibid.) Typical --- see also THAILAND [non]

** U K [non]. Impressed by two huge signals from BBCWS on Sat. 15 Nov., 15310 left at 1400 (Eibi says is from Thailand) and 15590 with different stream and no reference listed, left at 1400 too. But on Sunday 16 Nov. went to verify and found VOA Spanish with Country Music presented by Luis Larios on 15590 ending at 1400, instead of BBCWS heard the day before. How come that? 73 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15590 at 1230-1400 should always be VOA Spanish now. If it was BBC in English instead, I can only guess some kind of drastic feed mixup (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U K [non]. It appears that XM's BBCWS is now identical to the PRI feed carried by BBCWS on Sirius. Therefore, the Americas stream--which carries a wider variety of programs than the PRI stream--apparently can no longer be heard anywhere (!?) in North America. I'm going to try and get confirmation on this from the BBC. If this isn't a mistake, it's a significant loss IMHO (John Figliozzi, swprograms via DXLD)

The BBC advises me that XM will still continue to air the Americas stream. If they aren't then it's a configuration error within XM boundaries. My WS contacts will follow up with XM to be sure this is the case. Don't leap off that building just yet, Sandy! (Richard Cuff, ibid.)

** U K [and non]. Letter from America --- Broadcaster Alistair Cooke recounts his first proper encounter with a native American in spring 1947. http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0089htt

Audio archived online until Sunday

Actually, BBC Radio 7 is running classic episodes all week.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00f6hbp
(Fred Waterer, Ont., Nov 17, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Also, this Sunday on PBS: [WORLD OF RADIO 1435]

``NOV 23 The Unseen Alistair Cooke: A MASTERPIECE Special (60 minutes) Told in his own voice, never-before-seen home movies, and interviews with family and close friends, The Unseen Alistair Cooke marks the November centenary of the birth of longtime MASTERPIECE THEATRE host, Alistair Cooke, one of the most celebrated broadcasters of the 20th century.``

Furthermore, one may watch online the previous week`s show, FILTH --- about cleaning up the BBC, divided into 13 chapters! Until Nov 23:
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/filth/watch.html
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA in the Plum Book. "The Broadcasting Board of Governors needs a Senior Advisor for the Voice of America in its International Bureau. You would report to ... Barack Obama. ... You can see [this listing] and thousands more in the new 'Plum Book,' just out Wednesday. An updated version comes out every four years, shortly after each presidential election. It lists available jobs, and in the 2008 edition, you'll find more than 7,000 of them. Four thousand of the positions require presidential appointments." MyFox National, 13 November 2008 (kimandrewelliott.com 18 Nov via DXLD)

The presidential appointments are "schedule C" jobs, given to political allies rather than through the competitive Civil Service hiring system. Each U.S. government agency gets a few schedule C's. Most of the schedule C employees I have encountered at VOA and the IBB have been hard workers, interesting company, and quickly get into the institutional spirit of protecting VOA's journalistic integrity. However, because U.S. international broadcasting can succeed only if it is credible, and it can achieve credibility only if it is independent, a senior adviser to VOA who "would report to Barack Obama" is not a good idea. Posted: 18 Nov 2008 (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** U S A. Re VOA`s Henry Loomis passes --- My Comment: "Extended the reach and defended the independence of the VOA." His more recent successors have done the opposite --- diligently. Rest in peace, Director Loomis (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Many credit the invention of wireless signaling (radio) to Mahlon Loomis who demonstrated signaling over a 14 mile path to members of the US Congress in 1868. I wonder if Henry Loomis was a descendant? http://www.smecc.org/mhlon_loomis.htm (Joe Buch, FL, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 8-116: Fascinating 10 minute video about saving VOA Delano which also looks at the historical impact of shortwave from the US: http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=qlLhWlDbKbI&fmt=18
(Mike Barraclough, England, Nov 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

While we applaud the overall objective of this video, we are put off by some very misleading elements in it. Besides the ``clincher`` that Bethany has been turned into a city dump, already outpointed here, as not true at all:

A hefty portion of the ten minutes is about RFE/RL, which for sheer geographical reasons, never had anything to do with transmissions from Delano. The Ronald Reagan RFE/RL PSA mentioned a then-new 135,000 watt station to penetrate the Iron Curtain from Germany --- what they don`t tell you is that it was on mediumwave, not shortwave! Nor is Delano the only one of its kind --- Greenville still exists and is in use, altho downsized, not to mention numerous IBB sites outside the USA, which it must be faced, are in much better positions to reach the audience for sheer geographical reasons.

Still, it was a mistake to close down Delano as it was still capable of serving Latin America, the Pacific and Asia from inside indisputably US territory, pace CÈsar Ch·vez and Aztl·n. The video deals with the lack of assessment of the closing on the local Delano

economy, such as job losses. Well, those jobs are already lost, as there must be nothing but caretakers there, or a few workmen removing transmitters and anything else worth salvaging. If you are putting all this effort into producing an advocacy video for a worthy cause, you should get your facts straight! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Afrobeat from VOA African service, in the 20 UT hour, checked Nov 12: best from Botswana on 11975, next best from Bonaire on 13710, and also audible from S„o TomÈ on 6080. After 2100 on Wednesdays it`s Classic Rock from VOA Music Mix, this time featuring the Rolling Stones, at 2131 check with Paint It Black, Mother`s Little Helper, and more. 6080 is still on from STP, but 11975 is CRI in French via Mali, and now from VOA, Greenville is best by far on 15580.

VOA on 9520, Nov 15 at 1527 with NHL news, VOA World News Now ID, fluttery and poor, Today in History. At 1532 found it was not // 9760 which had Special English. This is via Sri Lanka at 49 degrees; further usage of 9520: 16-17 Wertachtal at 45 degrees, 17-18 Biblis at 63 degrees, 20-21 Thailand at 22 degrees, tho I have not researched whether all of that is in English; no, Eibi has, and all the other hours are R. Liberty in Russian.

Also on 7520 at 1536 Nov 15, VOA Spe-cial Eng-lish news in English re divorce of former Thai PM, // 9760. 7520 is also Tinang, Philippines, 275 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Frequency changes of Radio Liberty:
0500-0530 NF 5890 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg, ex 5925*in Moldovian Mon-Fri
1130-1145 NF 17515 IRA 250 kW / 324 deg, additional Georgian Mon-Fri
1800-1900 NF 9525 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg, addit. freq. in Georgian
2000-2045 NF 9565#LAM 100 kW / 092 deg, addit. in Georgian Mon-Fri
2000-2100 NF 9565#LAM 100 kW / 092 deg, addit. freq. Georgian Sat/Sun
* to avoid Radio France International in French
# co-ch Radio Romania International in Romanian
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** U S A. Ol· Glenn! Estou precisando da ajuda do colega. Sintonizei no dia 12/11 na freq. de 7813, mais ou menos, em ssb uma emissora em inglÍs com um bom sinal, mas n„o consegui identificar. A gravaÁ„o est· em arquivos do grupo radioescuta. Gostaria da ajuda do colega na identificaÁ„o da mesma, veja o log abaixo.

7813 12/11 2309 UNID, EE, em ssb, n„o parece uma emiss„o de radioamador e sim de radiodifus„o, as 2329 ID mas n„o deu para entender, parece estar tx da California, 34443 (Jorge Freitas - Feira de Santana Bahia) (Fiz a gravaÁ„o que est· em arquivos da lista radioescuta e gostaria que um colega me ajudasse na identificaÁ„o, tem

uma segunda gravaÁ„o que me parece ajudar melhor na identificaÁ„o).

ApÛs 3 dias desta mensagem os moderadores podem deletar os arquivos para n„o encher a seÁ„o e os que desejarem podem solicitar em pvt a mim (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, Skype jorge.freitas.fsa, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12∫ 15' 1.57" S 38∫ 58' 40.30" W, Degen 1103, Antena Long Wire 20 m direcionada N/S http://www.dxclube.com.br/denis_zoqbi_antena_longwire.html Balum 9:1 DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ol· Jorge, Isto e AFN - American Forces Network, Florida. Tem varias emissoes em BLU via Florida, Guam, Diego Garcia, Hawaii. Mesmo que em 12133.5, 5446.5, 7811.5 = Saddlebunch Keys, Florida. H· programaÁ„o de diversas redes dos EU. 73, (Glenn to Jorge, via DXLD)

** U S A. KJES, 11715, I rarely hear tho I scan 25m every morning. It was weakly audible with off-key singing, Nov 12 at 1402, with CCI and SAH; slightly better at 1425 check, and more so at 1456 but still poor overall. Per EiBi the other station on 11715 this hour is R. Liberty in Uzbek via Lampertheim, GERMANY.

So the question remains: is KJES irregularly on the air, or is it just propagation, as it`s really too close and mostly skips over OK? FCC shows the 3-hour KJES transmission at 14-17 changes azimuths each hour from 70 to 350 to 150 degrees. Most favorable for here is certainly 70, but the later hours with MUF buildup might still make it better here later on the others. No, recheck at 1627, still singing, and still very marginal signal but without the QRM. No, recheck at 1627, still singing, and still very marginal signal but without the QRM.

Altho the day before it was just barely audible on 11715, on Nov 13 KJES was loud and clear, S9+22, at 1457 with praisinging, 1500 two ``can you hear me?`` IDs, one by adult, another by child, and into catechisms. In English before and after 1500; no break in transmission at hourtop and no perceptible difference in signal, tho they may have rotated the log-periodic in accordance with FCC-scheduled change from 70 to 350 degrees. Huge disparity in signal from one morning to the next could be due to occurrence of sporadic E, or maybe due to extremely low power one day, full power the next day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WBCQ, 7415, with its first airing of WORLD OF RADIO 1434, Wednesday Nov 12 at 2030, good here, and repeated at 2200 on weaker 15420-CUSB. This is the new M-F 2030-2100 slot carrying recent WORs from the archives, but on Wed or Thu when the new edition is ready, I expect that one to be played.

WBCQ again this Saturday with unscheduled Brother Scare broadcast on

15420-CUSB, Nov 15 at 1533, as he was working himself into a lather, // 9330.0 --- yes, I was pleased to find that, following my urging, WBCQ has adjusted its 31m frequency from 9329.9 so there will no longer be a het with the Syrian carrier later in the day, or anything else on the correct frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB shortwave is using 3215 every night from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Eastern time [2200-0200 UT]. We have garnered a ton of new Listeners with this frequency. We are receiving great response on our new 3215 kHz frequency : Signal Strength and Audio quality. Potential broadcasting clients have taken notice of WWRB's signal quality and have requested info packs as a result. Regards, (Dave Frantz, WWRB shortwave, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, well, a neat trick: people tuning in expecting to hear WWCR hear WWRB instead. WWCR is not using 3215 until 0200. I`ve wondered why they have waited so late to bring it up, and now they`ve lost it in the early evenings. Nothing about this on the WWRB website; so which frequency does it replace? Riveting programming at 0140 check Nov 13: several people screaming at once. And yes, WWRB is still on 3185 too, with a better signal here.

WRB on new 3215, scheduled at 22-02 UT, before WWCR uses it from 0200. Nov 13 at 2315 check, 3215 had Brother Scare (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. RNA, Brasil, 11780, good signal with music until 0700 Nov 15, but then open carrier for 3 minutes before resuming modulation. During that pause I could detect something else on frequency, much weaker making a SAH --- then the unmistakable Scriptures for America theme music, so it was WWCR, 2 x 5890! Haven`t heard that particular harmonic before. Fundamental is usually very strong, so maybe receiver-produced. The preselector was peaked properly on 11 MHz band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Notes from St. Louis, MO, for UT Saturday 11/15 & UT Sunday 11/16: For some odd reason, WWCR on 5070 kHz wasn't hearable until after 0300 UT anyway, however. Came in decently later in the night, though (Will Martin, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13570, WINB Red Lion?? 1825-1835, escuchada el 12 de noviembre en inglÈs a locutor con comentarios, probablemente en programa religioso, emisiÛn de m˙sica melÛdica, tengo dudas de esta emisiÛn, ya que en EiBi no la mencionan, por otra parte en Aoki, mencionan servicio de 1300 a 1600 con emisiÛn diaria, y de 1600 a 2100 los s·bados y domingos.

Por otra parte en el HFCC generan una confusiÛn al haber para esta

frecuencia listada de 1400 a 2100 con emisiÛn diaria y de 1500 a 2200, para INB. En su p·gina web http://www.winb.com/ anuncian esta frecuencia de 0800 a 1700 y de 1800 a 2300 por 9265, chequeo esta frecuencia y no capto nada, intuyo horarios y frecuencias no actualizadas, SINPO 34343 (JosÈ Miguel Romero Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have reported a number of instances of the variations in WINB schedule recently in DXLD. First of all, it starts later on Saturdays as Brother Scare`s Sabbath service likes to stay on 9265 until finished. The switch back to 9265 comes at 2200 now. The last schedule you mention from the website is certainly in ET, not UT, even tho not exactly correct either. Anyhow, it`s the only US station on 13570. And as I have also pointed out a number of times, the transmitter is unstable so if you turn on the BFO you will hear it (and 9265) wobbling, in case you are in any doubt about the ID (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ARK. SEIZES 21 MORE KIDS FROM EVANGELIST'S GROUP
By CHUCK BARTELS, Associated Press Writer
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081118/ap_on_re_us/evangelist_child_abuse

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. ñ State officials on Tuesday took into protective custody 21 children associated with an evangelical group whose founder faces federal child sex charges.

The children, all younger than 18 and part of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries, were taken while custody hearings were being held for six girls seized during a September raid of Alamo's compound in Fouke, in southwest Arkansas. The court must decide whether the girls should be returned to their parents or remain in state care.

Authorities took three children into custody Tuesday at the courthouse in Texarkana, 130 miles southwest of Little Rock. Police seized the other 18 children from two vans during a traffic stop, said Julie Munsell, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Human Services. She said she didn't know why the children were in the vans or where they were headed, and she declined to elaborate on the court order, which cites allegations of neglect and physical abuse as the reason for the seizures.

On Monday, a 14-year-old girl taken by the state during the September raid testified that Alamo molested her, counted a number of young girls as his wives, and coached her and others to say they weren't touched improperly or beaten.

She said Alamo crept up behind her while she was showering, held his hand over her mouth and sexually molested her. She said Alamo warned

her to keep quiet, saying if she didn't, she'd be beaten by a man who witnesses have described as Alamo's enforcer.

Alamo, 74, is charged with two counts of transporting a juvenile across state lines for sex, once in 2004 and again the following year. The preacher, listed in court documents by his real name, Bernie Lazar Hoffman, has pleaded not guilty to the federal charges, each of which carries a sentence of 10 years to life in prison and a fine of up to $250,000. He is in jail in Texarkana awaiting trial, which is set to begin in February.

Alamo has preached that the Bible allows young girls to marry once they reach puberty but has said he didn't adopt the practice.

His attorney, John Wesley Hall Jr., said Tuesday he doubts Alamo can get a fair trial in Texarkana because of the media scrutiny surrounding the case. He said Alamo is an easy target in the child welfare hearings because Alamo is in jail and can't attend the hearings.

"Tony Alamo is not able to be there to defend himself, not able to cross-examine these people, which is a fundamental right," Hall said.

The 14-year-old girl, who spent much of her time in Alamo's organization in Fort Smith, testified that Alamo coached her and others to say they weren't sexually molested or beaten, and said Alamo recorded interviews with the girls to document the statements.

"Tony told us what he was going to ask us and what we were supposed to say," the girl testified.

The girl reiterated claims by witnesses at a bond hearing last month, including that Alamo had taken several young girls as wives.

She listed eight names, including Alamo's legal wife, Sharon Alamo, as being the "sisters in the house" at Alamo's residence in Fouke, where she said she lived for a time.

"They all wear wedding rings. They go into his room at night and close the door. They're the only ones that do that," said the girl, who said she lived for a time at Alamo's Fouke residence.

An 18-year-old man testified about being beaten several times by Alamo's alleged enforcer, and said he'd also watched his sister get beaten (via Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DXLD) see EQUATORIAL GUINEA

** U S A. I found a weak station at 1730 UT, Nov 11th on 17775 kHz. I searched around but can't figure out where it is originating. A very

worked up man speaking in Spanish is calling someone or some people crazy and the devil. It might be the United States. At this time I'm still recording it. If you would like I can send you an excerpt (Cameron Archbold, W1CAM, Omaha, NE, Nov 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Cameron, It`s KVOH in Los Angeles (Simi Valley). Quite regular here. If they are really strong, look for very distorted spurs accompanying around 17921 and 17629. Slogan is La Voz de la RestauraciÛn. 73, (Glenn to Cameron, via DXLD)

Thanks Glenn, I looked in the 2009 Passbook but they had KVOH not transmitting till 1900 UT. I was able to catch the ID at 1800. It was quite a broadcast, diablo this and that, Even a Viva La Revolution. I thought I was picking up a clandestine. Thanks again, (Cameron, ibid.)

Cameron, I think KVOH starts at 1500; heard them that early yesterday. One of many errors in Passport (Glenn to Cameron, ibid.)

** U S A. I agree with the question "Where is DXing with Cumbre?". Using the schedule from last week`s DXLD and the schedule at the new Cumbre site I decided to try and hear the show that is scheduled at 0430 UT, MTWTF, each night and see if it was on streaming audio on Angel 1 as reception on 7315 kc is usually so poor here in central Oklahoma. No DXing With Cumbre after 3 nights but plenty of other programming. Just to be on the safe side checked Angels 2-6 streaming audio also -- no luck. By the way Angel 6 is not listed on WHR's website.

Strange reception is so poor here since Angel 1 is aimed for North, Central, and South America. I also read the posting in Cumbre Digest e-mail newsletter about occasional pre-empting of the show, Marie Lamb`s hard work, and scheduling problems. I can understand and appreciate the difficulties.

The new website shows quite clearly that most listeners use SW to hear the show. Can't hear what doesn't get broadcast. So we still don't have an answer to the question.

Could the answer be just to lock in a schedule of 3-5 committed broadcasts a week and not continue hoping they can be worked in on a schedule that is changed on a whim of program management? This would work if Cumbre is a paying customer of LeSea as there are recourses if the show is not broadcast. If it is a free show, donated to LeSea, then you get what you pay for (Steve Cross, Del City, OK, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Steve - You can hear DXing with Cumbre anytime via podcast. The link is on our website. 73s (Hans Johnson, Founder, Cumbre DX, Cumbre

DX mailing list via DXLD)

Hello Hans, While I do appreciate the podcast, and have listened to it, this is after all Shortwave Radio Broadcast Program. If the future of DXing with Cumbre is to depend on their website and have SW only as an advertising use or when they can find time, then just drop the SW broadcast and go all internet. Never a scheduling conflict, no propagation problems, and loss of the bulk of your audience. Remember only about 20% of the world has regular, easily available internet access. The rest depend on broadcast. We need a priority and a schedule we can follow and depend on. Please. Thanks for listening, (Steve Cross, Del City, OK, ibid.)

DXing with Cumbre is on 7315 kc at 0436 UT this evening 14 Nov local currently running the Australian DX Report. It is also streaming live on Angel 1 at the WHR website. SW reception is 222 falling to 111 because of at least 2 stations either beside it or on top of it. Could make several other comments but (Steve Cross, Del City, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7315 QRM: see SUDAN [non]

This is on the schedule as ``M-F 11:30 pm`` but not even on the air when I checked UT Tuesday. He heard it UT Saturday. That makes ONLY 3 airings confirmed by monitoring (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Notes from St. Louis, MO, for UT Saturday 11/15 & UT Sunday 11/16: Good reception of DXing w/C on 11785 at 1530 UT Saturday and on 5850 kHz at 0230 UT Sunday here. It's a relief to be able to get it in the evening when it ISN'T at the same time as the WWCR "DX Block" (though it is opposite "Ask WWCR" during the last half). (Will Martin, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 13650, Nov 16 at 1503 with IRN-USA Radio News (so have the two faux-news networks with thinly-disguised gospel huxter agenda now merged?), 1505 into sermon called Lifetime. This is the Sunday-only broadcast hour of WHRA, which collides with 1Africa, CVC Zambia, to W Africa and U Michigan, which I assume would have been audible without this big signal in the way (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. GERMANY Some changes of Media Broadcast:
WYFR Family Radio in Tamil - new transmission from Nov.15:
1500-1600 on 9585 NAU 500 kW / 095 deg to SoAs
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 13645, Wed Nov 12 at 1406, screaming American gospel huxter, suffering from vocalized breathing/gasping, worked himself into a lather with frequent amens; fair signal with some flutter. Per EiBi this is Pan American Broadcasting via Wertachtal, GERMANY, to S

Asia. Those lucky South Asians! Or should that be Ban American broadcasting? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. OBAMA'S FCC ADVISER SUPPORTS LIMITS ON TALK RADIO
Citizen Link By Jennifer Mesko November 13, 2008
http://www.citizenlink.org:80/content/A000008675.cfm

President-elect Barack Obama has hired Henry Rivera to run the team that will select the next chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Rivera, former head of the FCC, is a longtime proponent of the so-called Fairness Doctrine.

Congressional Democrats have threatened to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine, which was put in place by the FCC in 1949 to force the nation's TV and radio broadcasters to make time for voices on both sides of controversial issues. It was dropped as new technologies offered an abundance of sources for information.

With a 3-2 Democratic majority on the FCC, the Fairness Doctrine could be resurrected without approval by Congress.

Ashley Horne, federal policy analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said the Fairness Doctrine would force stations to stop addressing important policy issues.

"A Christian radio station discussing the issue of abortion would have to give airtime to a pro-abortion voice like Planned Parenthood," she said. "Rather than present a view that fundamentally opposes the station's core beliefs, it would likely steer clear of airing controversial topics altogether." (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Interesting article. So the question that comes to mind for me is:

The only way a station using limited spectrum licensed by a public agency can discuss important public policy issues is if it's allowed to only express its own opinion? Does a license imply a responsibility to the public as a whole or only to a small segment of it. Canadians, in their licensing process, issue a rather strict format and "mission statement" (i.e.: who the audience for the station is projected to be and what it will be served). Right now FCC licenses require virtually nothing. Would a commitment to offering time for dissenting opinions be all that onerous?

Not that I'm necessary in favor of or even think there's a valid argument to be made for considering its reinstatement. But the argument made by Ms. Horne seems twisted (John Figliozzi, NY, ibid.)

It would be unfair as well as onerous. It would be too difficult to

administer. Besides there are plenty of outlets for dissenting opinions. The limited spectrum argument held sway before cable television and satellite radio etc. It is no longer valid to single out just one media. A lot of people don't like talk radio, and this is a way to get right wing talk radio off of the air. But there is left wing radio. If pushed to the logical conclusion, stations and networks will take all talk radio off of the air. Even if you don't like right wing radio, I say the more outlets used the healthier it is for a democratic society. I have the feeling this will eventually be rejected in the Supreme Court. The Obama administration will have a fight on its hands by trying this (Bill Harms, MD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The question of whether the fairness doctrine is a good idea is separate and apart from a discussion over the premise voiced by Ms. Horne.

As to political talk radio whatever its stripe, it's essentially show business. Anyone who's tried to engage one of these "personalities" on the issues knows that. Callers are screened and only the ones who make the host or hostess look good or advance his or her agenda are permitted on-air. It's far from the public forum myth they generate to promote themselves. In my view, anyone who takes it seriously is seriously misinformed. However, it is what it is -- no more, no less.

To the point about good or bad policy, the question is always (or should always be): What best serves the public interest? There are a number of outlets for speech now that didn't exist in an earlier era. One question would be whether all media are equal. For example, does the ability to blog on the internet approximate the ability to use a 50 kW blowtorch to disseminate your views. I may agree with you about the fairness doctrine, but I don't think it's a bad thing to take another look at the issue and thoroughly vet it again in the face of present-day capabilities and availabilities of the media and communications technology (John Figliozzi, ibid.)

I'm unsure of the logic to think that taxpayer funded VOA [see USA above: Loomis] should be championed for editorial independence from an elected government but opinions expressed on private radio stations should be regulated because somebody didn't like the opinion or criticism. RIP George Orwell (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, ibid.)

That's an easy one. The VOA has a Charter enacted by Congress which makes its editorial independence a matter of law. The law has been summarily ignored. That may not be a problem for some, but it's often said that we are a government of laws, not of "men". I guess in the VOA's case at least, not really.

Private radio stations are licensed in the public interest as per the Communications Act, another one of those pesky laws. The broadcast spectrum is limited and all comers do not have the opportunity to own a radio station and broadcast on those airwaves. Therefore, some regulation is necessary to insure that the First Amendment right to speak on those airways is not limited or monopolised by one interest to the exclusion of others. It is truly Orwellian to ignore the law while you say you are obeying it (John Figliozzi, ibid.)

The far right and the far religious right have grossly abused their ``free speech`` in the lack of a Fairness Doctrine by broadcasting the most vile one-sided tripe for the last many years. If there had been any VOLUNTARY FAIRNESS on the part of radio programmers and station owners, the argument against an institutionalized F.D. now might carry some weight. As it is, the time is long overdue for the pendulum to swing the other way. So no one will air anything controversial?

Begone Rush and your ilk. We can still get all the opinions we can possibly need via other media than those required to *serve the public interest*. Those few programmers and owners who genuinely want to serve the P.I. within a new F.D. will find a way to do it. E.g. run rightwing and leftwing talkshows in alternation (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. SECRETS OF TALK RADIO --- The former news director of WTMJ reveals how talk show hosts like Charlie Sykes and Jeff Wagner work to get us angry. --- by Dan Shelley, Thursday 11/13/2008
http://www.milwaukeemagazine.com:80/currentissue/full_feature_story.asp?newmessageid=24046
(via Eric FlodÈn, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD)

Excellent, long article with 181+ comments, not just about Milwaukee, but about how fraudulent talk radio really is (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. I wondered why 710 KIRO had been announcing itself recently as "News Talk 97-3 FM", and now I know why - see below. If this has been publicised before, I've missed it.

710, KIRO Seattle WA; Phil Hendrie Show, ì7-10 ESPN - football games, basketball games, basketball games - coming in Aprilî, then ìThis is News Talk 97-3 Kiro FMî, ìWeíre Seattleís favourite touchî ìGood morning Kiro News time 12:30î F/G 0830 14/11

Press Releases Thursday, November 13, 2008: Bonneville to Launch New All-Sports Station "710 ESPN Seattle" --- Bonneville Seattle today announced it will launch a new all-sports radio station, 710 ESPN Seattle, on 710 AM (Martin A. Hall, Clashmore, Scotland, MWC via DXLD)

KIRO RADIO TO SPLIT INTO NEWS, SPORT STATIONS

SEATTLE -- The parent company of KIRO radio has announced that it will split the station into two different FM and AM stations next year, one dedicated to sports and the other for news. Bonneville International, the media conglomerate that owns KIRO, says that starting next year 710 ESPN Seattle will broadcast sports only. Their news operation will broadcast on 97.3 FM, which has already been broadcasting KIRO radio. Bonneville has secured the rights to air Seattle Mariner and Seahawks games, the two biggest professional sports franchises in the state. The Mariners and Bonneville signed a three-season agreement earlier this year. The sports station's schedule will be supplemented by programs from the ESPN Radio Network (THE ASSOCIATED PRESS via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. FCC Fines Florida Station --- The FCC has issued a $6,400 fine to BLACK CROW BROADCASTING, licensee of Talk WNDB-A/DAYTONA BEACH, for interfering with other stations and for tower fencing violations. The station, which operates at 1150 AM, was found to be interfering with stations at 1070 and 1230 AM and causing general interference up and down the AM band. BLACK CROW paid $12,000 in fines for other violations but requested cancellation or reduction of the interference and tower fencing fines, which were originally set at $11,000; the Commission granted a reduction to $6,400 based on a history of compliance (allaccess.com via Brock Whaley, Nov 17, DXLD)

** U S A. SPAM LEADER --- Glenn, in April of 2008 (this year) I mentioned some writing by Floyd Dunlap, late WA5TWF. He was the second President of Society for the Promotion of AM (SPAM). Since his death there has been one succeeding president, Norm Scott, WB6TRQ if I remembered right. SPAM`s main meeting frequency changed from 3880Kc area around midnight, in Texas area or central time (around 06:00 GMT) to Saturday, midnight going into Sunday, pacific time (around 08:00 GMT) and on 7160 Kc (A color xtal out of a color TV oscillating then frequency doubled hits 7159- 7160, perfectly.). I have not heard any SPAM meetings on 7160 Kc at all, checking at the right time and sometimes others. Also a pair of my letters to Norm Scott in Potrero, California went unanswered. I wonder if it`s time to make a new SPAM president. I`m available for to be the next President of SPAM (although I also at least occasionally fail to answer mailed letters). (Fredric Jodry, KA2PYQ, Sept 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. 7260 on 22 Oct at 0800 UT. Interested to hear this at very good strength with reports that it is still on low power at present. Switched to English news at 0801 UT after announcements in LG [unknown language ñ Bislama?]. "News from VBC" with many Vanuatu mentions (Tony Ward VE3NO, touring Auckland-NZ, DXplorer Nov 1, WWDXC DX Magazine via DXLD)

Would be a nice catch for me in Europe, best time in the months coming perhaps when my DX One will be erected once again (house repair!) (Walter Eibl, ed., ibid.)

** VATICAN. BCLNews.it Vatican B-08 schedule starts out in UT, reprinting something originally from DXLD, which BTW is a mess, with times and frequencies not lining up properly, but appends this, which tho not so specified must be in CET!

La scheda completa per gli ascoltatori in Italia, resto d'Europa e Mediterraneo Ë:

07.30 Messa in latino 585, 1530, 4005, 5965, 7250, 9645, 11740, 15595
08.00 (lunedÏ-sabato) Notiziario italiano 585,1530, 4005, 5965, 7250, 9645, 11740, 15595 kHz
09.30 Messa in Italiano (domenica) 585, 7250 kHz
10.15 Udienza del Papa (mercoledÏ) 585, 1611, 5965 kHz
12.00 Angelus (festivi) 585, 1530, 1611, 5965, 7250, 9645, 11740, 15595 kHz
12.00 Notiziario italiano (lunedÏ-sabato) 585, 1611, 5965 kHz
12.15 Radiodomenica (festivi) 585, 1611, 5965
14.00 Radiogiornale 585, 1611, 7250, 9645, 11740, 15595 kHz
16.30 (solo venerdÏ) 5885, 7250, 9645 kHz
17.30 Orizzonti Cristiani 585, 1530, 5885, 7250, 9645 kHz
19.30 Radiogiornale 585, 1530 kHz
20.40 Rosario 585, 1530, 4005, 5885, 7250, 7435 kHz
21.00 Radiogiornale (replica) 1530, 4005, 5885, 7250, 7435,
23.00 Radiogiornale (replica) 585, 1530, 1611, 4005, 5885 KHz
23.20 Programmi religiosi 585, 1530, 1611, 4005, 5885 KHz

Le trasmissioni sull'onda media 1611 kHz sono per lo pi˘ realizzate in modalit‡ DRM.

Per gli ascoltatori in Africa il notiziario delle 8 (07.00 UT) puÚ essere seguito su 9645 kHz, l'Angelus festivo alle 12.00 (11.00 UT) su 21680 kHz, frequenza anche consigliata per il notiziario delle 14.00 (13.00 UT).

Per gli acsoltatori in Asia il notiziario delle 08.00 (07.00 UT) Ë consigliato su 15595 kHz, l'Angelus festivo (ore 11.00 UT) 15595 e 17765 kHz. Su 15595 puÚ essere ascoltato il notiziario delle 14.00 (13.00 UT). (portale Italradio) last update october 15, 2008 (via DXLD)

** VATICAN. VR is a regular here on 7250 in the 0600-0700 period, and especially enjoyed some classical organ music at 0652 Nov 14. But this was just fill following Latin Mass at 0630, also scheduled on 15595,

11740, 9645, 5965, 4005 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. The numbskulls at RNV CI are still playing that 4-years-out-of-date schedule announcement, starting with San Francisco at 11 am on 13740, just as I tuned across 11680 at 1521 Nov 13, so in disgust, I kept on tuning.

No sign of RNV CI, Nov 16 at 1501 on 11680, nor a few minutes later. I believe that this broadcast on Sundays is normally pre-empted by Alo, Presidente, transmitter needed on 11670; except that show is currently on hiatus, back Nov 23 or 30? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIRGIN ISLANDS US. Spanish speaking UNID on 1620 - help please --- I'd be grateful if anyone could offer any suggestions on this Spanish ID heard on 1620 at 0000 last night.
http://www.skylight.demon.co.uk/1620unid.mp3

It starts with a musical phrase that seems to be part of the ID, then words which sound to me something like "Radio Mojivitas, Voz de Victorio ...."

It doesn't seem to fit with anything that's listed on that frequency. Probably not Argentina, unlikely to be Spanish programming on any of the US stations. Any suggestions, anyone? I'm sorry the quality isn't better, but it was quite noisy and this station faded in and then out very quickly. Many thanks, (Jack Weber, UK, Nov 12, MWC via DXLD)

I took a listen to my recording which fades at your clip. There are mentions of cubanos and norteamericanos just before. When it fades back in there is ABC news. My guess would be Radio Republica via WDHP. (Paul Crankshaw, ibid.)

Thanks Paul. I didn't know WDHP carried any Spanish, but I guess it's not surprising that they do. In which case, that does seem the most likely explanation. Thanks for checking it. Regards, (Jack Weber, ibid.)

Radio Rep˙blica, Voz del Directorio Democr·tico Cubano (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, ibid.)

Yes, hard to make out, but definitely Radio Rep˙blica, with their theme music heard frequently on SW. WDHP used to (still does?) relay R. MartÌ. So what is the R.R. relay schedule via WDHP 1620? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA, 6300, R. Arabe Saharaui Democr·tica already on at 1753 with faint Arabic music. Better on 95 . (14 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC

NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA [and non]. This is my reception report for Thursday and Friday UTC November 14

THURSDAY 11/13 FRIDAY 11/14
2000 2100 2200 2300 0000 0100 0200 MHz. Az. Kw. Station
55455 54455 55555 25332 00000 00000 00000 9.420 323 170 AVL 3 ERA 5
Regards (John Babbis, Silver Spring, MD, to ERA, via DXLD)

Note the lack of QRM to Greece at 2000 and 2200, not much at 2100. Perhaps propagational fluke, or is CVC going away? (gh, DXLD)

This is my reception report for Sunday and Monday UTC November 17, 2008:
SATURDAY 11/16 SUNDAY 11/17
2000 2100 2200 2300 0000 0100 0200 MHz. Az. Kw. Station
22332 22332 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 9.420 323 170 AVL 3 ERA 5
(John Babbis, ibid.) So back to normal by then (gh)

** ZAMBIA. B-08 for Christian Voice via LUS=Lusaka:
English to South and Central Africa
0600-1700 on 6065 LUS 100 kW / non-dir
1700-0600 on 4965 LUS 100 kW / non-dir

English to West Africa and Nigeria [and Cape Breton, Upper Michigan]
0400-0600 on 7160 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg
0600-1400 on 13590 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg
1400-1700 on 13650 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg
1700-2200 on 9420*LUS 100 kW / 315 deg
*co-ch Voice of Greece in Greek
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Nov 18 via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735 with Zanzibar rap, fair Nov 15 at 1741. I rather prefer their traditional music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. STATE RADIO DJ ASSAULTED FOR WEARING "REPLICA MILITARY" CLOTHING | Text of report by London-based Zimbabwe independent Short Wave [sic] Radio Africa on 13 November

[Headline: Soldiers assault state radio DJ for wearing camouflage]
Tafadzwa Sikwila, a DJ employed by ZBC's Power FM Radio, sustained serious head injuries after being brutally assaulted by four Zimbabwe National Army soldiers in Gweru on 25th October. According to reports which only surfaced this week the soldiers accused him of wearing replica military camouflage trousers, without permission (under Zimbabwe's obscure defence Act, civilians are prohibited from wearing

camouflage).

After assaulting Sikwila they threw him into an army truck that drove towards Zvishavane. The popular disc jockey, known as DJ Squila, sustained the head injuries after the soldiers then threw him off the moving vehicle.

A good samaritan passing by picked up Sikwila and rushed him to Gweru Central Hospital. He was treated for internal head bleeding and other injuries. Police have confirmed the incident. In a stinging attack the Media Institute for Southern Africa (MISA) criticized the law and the abduction of Sikwila. `Where such prohibitions are existent, as is the case in Zimbabwe, they do not stipulate that a citizen found in violation of these must be tortured or abducted.' Source: SW Radio Africa, London, in English 13 Nov 08 (via BBCM via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5800. Something here with huge S-9 +25 strength at 0619 with AM signal playing code. Only groups of 5 letters. No messages. Code practice maybe??? Odd that it`s in AM mode. (15 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD)

Not odd, but quite regular; presumed Cuban cut numbers spy station; only 10 letters ever used, right? a.k.a. A2 mode (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5910, ME(?) station here daily at 1430 after Shiokaze leaves the air. Short announcement, followed by Qur`an. Poor and deteriorating. IRIB maybe? Would be greyline between here and Iran (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)  Most likely; IRIB`s Bengali service is 1430-1530, 500 kW, 100 degrees from Kamalabad (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Presumed Russian military, 8GAL audible again Nov 12 at 1400 on 6074: Radio Rossii 6075 carrier cut off after only one timesignal pip, and CQ CQ CQ DE 8GAL 8GAL 8GAL K did not start transmitting until almost a semiminute later as I was about to give up; fortunately, I had the BFO on. Very weak, but audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi, where is the BBC World Service in English coming from right now (15 Nov, 0205 UT)? I am hearing them dominating over Voice of Russia, SINPO 42322, with clear ID and reports, and a het. Won't be AIR, Fides or Sarandi relaying them. Not mentioned on the VT schedule nor on the BBC website. 73, (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Eike, All I hear on 6155 is VOR (Chuck Bolland, FL, 0227 UT Nov 15,

ibid.)

After 0230 VOR 6155 [in Russian] is getting some heavy co-channel, in English, I guess BBC. Certainly not scheduled there (until Cyprus 0400). Maybe a mistake or something to do with Thai relay substitutions, tho seems unlikely that would make such impact here. (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

And right now (0247-0254 UT) I also hear VoR only, with Russian song, cultural program, but with a het. 6155 +/- 910 gives no BBC frequency. Even if it would, there are NO strong BBC channels to produce a mixing product anyway, at least on the listed frequencies. And the local AM NPR station starts to relay BBC only much later in the night, did check their QRG. No clue where that BBC program was coming from. Was clearly separate from VoR including clear ID (Eike Bierwirth, ibid.)

I`m sure it was not an image, as I was hearing it too just after 0230, making a heavy SAH, not an audible het, with VOR via Germany; also missing, at 0300 recheck, just VOR. I guess it was probably a mixup at one of the England or Germany transmitter sites. Let`s see if it happens again 24 hours later. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Al amanecer a las 1000 UT estaremos de nuevo al ataque tratando de sintonizar a una emisora misteriosa que emite al parecer solo los domingos desde Santa Cruz de Mora en el Estado MÈrida, Venezuela en la frecuencia de los 6981.5 kHz. Si les queda ganas de hacer DX ay˙denos a identificarla pues a˙n no sabemos ni su nombre ni desde donde transmite. Cordiales 73 y Buenos DXs DESDE VENEZUELA, 32 AÒos Escuchando al Mundo CLUB DIEXISTAS DE LA AMISTAD (Santiago San Gil Gonzalez, Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7215.07, M talk in French at 0537. Some actualities / sound-bites. Apparent news or press pgm. Was there at 0600 ToH but not at 0612. Getting a lot of slop QRM from Arabic on 7210, I guess Fana. (15 Nov.) (Dave Valko, Pennsylvania State Game Lands #26, near Dunlo PA, JRC NRD-535D and Eton E1, 315 feet at 50 Beverage (BOG), and 394 feet at about 0 (1355-1600) changed to 95 after 1600, HCDX via DXLD) Don`t find anything scheduled on 7215 around that time (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. A slow sweeper descended the 31m band, putting swishy QRM across each station it met, Nov 12 at 1350-1352, at the rate of roughly 100 kHz per minute, tracked from 9700 down to 9500. Ionospheric sounders normally sweep by at a much faster rate, so what is this? I also noticed the same a few days ago on another band but did not log. The carrier is quite dirty (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNID type of BUZZ signal noted around 0757-0800 UT on

9679.33 centered. 0757 UT, Nov 16. S=7. Registred is YFR from 0800 UT but not heard due of lousy conditions. RRI Jakarta domestic home service relay? UTE from Americas? Wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Someone has started running DRM on 11700-11705-11710 interfering with Radio Japan! Tune-in Nov 12 at 1358 to find DRM dominating, NHK Yamata barely audible underneath concluding Indonesian. From 1400 much stronger NHK Sackville atop, but DRM noise still audible underneath; 1429 Sackville off, uncovering another minute of NHK direct from Yamata where it is allowed to complete its sign-off routine, and DRM still there. Prime suspect is HCJB, which is scheduled with DRM in Portuguese but only at 1500-1700! Why turn it on early messing up R. Japan? It`s only 4 kW at 110 degrees from Pifo, but plenty of signal back up here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. On 12236-SSB, Nov 18 at 1435 found a military net of some kind; very short transmissions with lots of numbers, code words. NCS seemed to be Papa Whisky; various contacts had different background noises, hums, but all on-frequency, and they had single-phonetic-letter calls, such as Lima, Delta, Whisky, Oscar, India. Among other things, heard ``light green shadow``, Clerk 6504. Newport. Intercept Cougar 01. VIP. Maybe a field training exercise. Still going at 1510, 1519 rechex (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15068-SSB, 2-way Spanish conversation Nov 19 at 1438 mentioning ``primer viaje``, ``soy marinero``. I might add, borrachos (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. The rapid pulsing believed to be OTH radar ranged from 15180 to 15205, especially bothering GFA on 15185, Nov 14 at 1415. Would it be too much to ask for them to keep this out of the SWBC bands? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15790-15820, OTH radar-sounding pulses, Nov 13 at 1449, like what was previously heard centred on 15090. These fit neatly between Israel 15785 and WWCR 15825 avoiding interfering with either. Kai Ludwig in Germany was hearing exactly the same thing at 1400, calling it a ``buzz carrier`` rather than OTH, and it started out as a clean carrier on 15805 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And a strange observation, related or not: At 1400 there was a strong open carrier with some fading (so indeed nothing local but coming in via skywave) on 15805. Two minutes later it had turned into a buzz spectrum, spreading over the 15790...15820 range. Or is this local trash, unrelated to the dropped carrier? [BULGARIA 15700]

[Later: But after carefully thinking about it I have to add that it could also have been on 15810 or, perhaps even more likely, in between. I did not pay closer attention but went away to glance over HFCC, not expecting that the apparent open carrier would turn into this. I called it "buzz" because the pulse rate was already in the audible range, appearing as an unclean sound (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Similar outlet noted next to 15300 kHz today at Nov 14th, included two peaks. Reported in A-DX newsgroup by some contributors from Germany, this noon again, covered approx. 15285 to 15318, let RFI Issoudun in French on 15300 underneath. Part time also a similar signal, or the accompanied 'Gemini' close to 15330 kHz same time. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Admiro o trabalho do colega que tem inovado e dado credibilidade ao trabalho dos dexistas. Escrevi em portuguÍs porque me informaram que o colega È conhecedor de nosso idioma, o que me deixa contente e honrado. Na oportunidade gostaria de umas dicas de log com o experiente colega. Um abraÁo, (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, Skype jorge.freitas.fsa, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil)

PUBLICATIONS
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AOKI BO8

The text version of the Aoki B08 frequency list is now available at
http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/bib08.txt
It`s dated today (11/13). (Jim Evans, NASWA yg via DXLD)

And updated almost every day; yet leaves in long-outdated material, especially tropical, domestic (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: BHUTAN; CHILE; CROATIA; KOREA NORTH; KUWAIT;
++++++++++++++++++++ MADAGASCAR; NEW ZEALAND; RUSSIA; SERBIA; VATICAN;
UNIDENTIFIED 11700; RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM below

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"R. Cultura SP may be back near nominal frequency, 9611, more and less, but horribly distorted; switches receiver into FM mode and it
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sounds beautiful. Hey, why not do NBFM on SW instead of DRM! (gh, DXLD 8-117)"

Glenn, Back in the dark ages when I first got my ham ticket, I was permitted to run NBFM on all HF phone bands. Today NBFM is confined to the upper end of the 10 meter ham band.

I successfully ran NBFM on the 14 MHz ham band by using a technique called "loop modulation". The technique consisted of a single turn loop of wire around the coil of the variable frequency oscillator (VFO). The two ends of the loop were connected across a carbon microphone I ripped off from a derelict telephone. The deviation was controlled by varying the coupling between the loop and the oscillator coil. It worked well. I remember contacting a station in Georgia (US version) from my home on Long Island using a single 6L6 in the final amplifier at about 10 Watts input.

Narrow band FM does not have the signal to noise improvement normally associated with FM. I define NBFM as a modulation index of 1 or less. That is, a program with audio at a maximum frequency of 3 kHz would have a 3 kHz peak deviation. For noise improvement one needs more deviation. US broadcast FM uses a peak deviation of 75 kHz with a maximum audio frequency of 15 kHz or a modulation index of 5. Modulation indices of this magnitude at HF would be subject to selective fading causing distortion similar to what happens on multipath signals when FM broadcasters skip via sporadic E layer propagation.

I would say that the bandwidth of an NBFM signal with a peak deviation of 10 kHz is probably on the same order as what I have heard on DRM test signals. Because FCC rules prohibit NBFM on the HF broadcast frequencies and most HF amateur frequencies, maybe those readers who operate pirate radio stations on HF could try this mode and if successful make a contribution to the radio art.

I personally think that synchronous AM double sideband with pilot carrier using a long time constant tracking loop on the receiver local oscillator is the ultimate answer for HF broadcasting via the ionosphere. But that's just my opinion. I could be wrong (Joe Buch, N2JB, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KATV LITTLE ROCK TOWER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

KATV's website has a couple of pages up about the new Shinall Mountain tower progress, including photos. Also some info previously not officially disclosed about distribution of KATV's signals and programming. http://cfc.katv.com/external.cfm?p=tower2&h=0
(Fritze H. Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, Grid: EM43aw,

http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com Nov 13, WTFDA via DXLD)

FCC COMPETENT ENGINEERS BENEATH THE BUREAUCRACY

There are still competent engineers in the Commission, many of whom understand exactly what's going on here and what the real-world ramifications are. [IBOC]

But they're mainly the low-level staffers, and they're not the ones who make the major policy decisions. The real shame is that there was once a time when the real decision-makers at the Commission (as political as they were, even back in the day) actually listened to what the engineering staffers in the bureaus had to say, and respected their experience and knowledge.

That day is long gone, and now we see a lot of political decisions being made with no input from the staffers who understand the engineering. I understand the white-spaces decision last week was a prime example - the bureau staffers who wrote the report questioning the technical workability of the plan were actually barred from attending the "open meeting" (sic, evidently) at which the Commissioners voted on the item.

The good news, I think, is that these low-level staffers stay on when the political appointees get shuffled every four or eight years. So if one of the new Commissioners is more willing to listen than the present crop has been, a lot could potentially change come January - though I know better than to hold my breath 'till then. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ABDX via DXLD)

It should be a requirement that ALL FCC workers have an Amateur Radio License. Most should be a General, but even the floor sweeper should be a Tech (Possum Hunter, ibid.)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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IBM TO HELP BUILD BROADBAND NETWORK IN POWER LINES (AP)
Posted on Wed Nov 12, 2008 1:29PM EST
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http://tech.yahoo.com/news/ap/20081112/ap_on_hi_te/tec_broadband_over_power_lines

NEW YORK - IBM Corp. is throwing its considerable weight behind an idea that seemed to have faded: broadband Internet access delivered over ordinary power lines. The technology has been around for decades, but most efforts to implement the idea on a broad scale have failed to live up to expectations.

Now, with somewhat scaled-back goals, improved technology, and a dose of low-interest federal loans, IBM is partnering with a small newcomer called International Broadband Electric Communications Inc. to try to make the idea work in rural communities that don't have other broadband options.

Their strategy is to sign up electric cooperatives that provide power to sparsely populated areas across the eastern United States. Rather than compete toe-to-toe with large, entrenched cable or DSL providers, International Broadband is looking for customers that have been largely left out of the shift to high-speed Internet.

Signing on IBM, perhaps the highest-profile company to buy into the idea, could juice a technology that has failed to make much of an imprint.

"The technology is important but what's really important is this is a seminal moment in the delivery of broadband services to rural customers," said Bill Moroney, the head of the Utilities Telecom Council, an industry trade group. "Here's a beginning and really a great leap forward."

That's a claim likely to be met with some skepticism. Other companies touting broadband access over power lines and through wall outlets have come and gone, dogged by technical hurdles and opposition from amateur radio operators who said the technology interfered with their signals.

In the most recent case, a Dallas utility that planned to provide broadband access to 2 million customers on its power grid decided to shelve the idea in May. Instead the company, Oncor Electric Delivery Co., said it would use the equipment only to monitor the grid.

Federal Communications Commission statistics for 2006, the most recent year available, showed that fewer than 5,000 customers in the U.S. had broadband access through power lines.

IBM and International Broadband say their approach has a better shot. Neither see big utility companies ever adopting broadband over power lines, which struggles to match the speed of phone or cable lines.

"Broadband service by any of the major utilities doesn't make sense," said Ray Blair, IBM's head of advanced networking. "It will never be able to compete head on."

But in rural areas, where other broadband providers can't afford to build infrastructure, Blair said the technology has come far enough in the past few years to make the power line model economical.

Progress has been slow going, he said, because the technology suppliers in the industry are smaller players without large budgets for research and advertising.

The technology involves sending data on the same wires that provide electricity. Every half a mile or so, a device clamped to the line perpetuates the signal. Inside homes, customers plug a modem into any wall outlet and sign on.

But that stream of data has often run into interference with other wireless devices that happen to be nearby. Ham radio operators have been particularly irked, and even sued the FCC over it.

The key innovation introduced in the past few years, Blair said, is the ability to remotely control the devices fixed to power lines. That way it can be told to switch frequency when it meets interference.

IBM has signed a $9.6 million deal with International Broadband to provide and install the equipment. International Broadband Chief Executive Scott Lee said putting the network in place should take about two years and cost as much as $70 million.

The company will have access to 340,000 homes in Alabama, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin, about 86 percent of which have no cable or DSL access, Lee said.

Capturing a large segment of that market would be a huge step for International Broadband, which currently provides only about 1,400 customers with broadband, most of them starting in the past year and half.

The basic service will start at $29.95 per month, which provides Internet download speeds of about 256 kilobits per second. That's just a few times faster than dial-up, but higher-end plans will offer up to 3 megabits per second, more comparable with DSL and cable. Also, upload and download speeds are the same over the power line service; upload speeds are generally lower on DSL and cable.

International Broadband has had help along the way from the federal government: Lee said the company has received $70 million in low-interest loans from the Department of Agriculture. Federal officials have seen broadband over power lines as an attractive option for spreading economic development in rural areas.

"Most of these people have broadband at school or at work but when they get home they lose all of those advantages," Lee said. "It's a service that is desperately needed." (via Bill Harms, DXLD)

This article says regarding IBM's plan -- "Their strategy is to sign up electric cooperatives that provide power to sparsely populated areas across the eastern United States. Rather than compete toe-to-toe with large, entrenched cable or DSL providers, IBEC is looking for customers that have been largely left out of the shift to high-speed Internet."

If so, this puts them solely in the high cost, low customer density areas, with no lower cost, high density areas to help them offset the costs. Even with the supposedly lower hardware cost per mile of BPL, this is going to be a struggle for them to make the dollars work. Of course, it says that they are getting federal loans, so payback may not be a problem -- using tax money.

It has been said that one of Obama's top priorities (one of his 5000 top priorities) is to increase high speed internet coverage in rural areas, but I doubt this is one of his initiatives since he's still a couple of month's away from actually being President. This seems to be an even less cost effective strategy than those previously proposed. But federal money now and the prospect of more federal money in the future may keep the Titanic floating for a while longer. So once again, we must be vigilant and ready for action. 73, (Curt Phillips. W4CP, Raleigh, NC USA, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I suspect this is not good news for those in currently RF-quiet, rural locations (Jay Heyl, FL, ABDX via DXLD)

I doubt it. There's a strong smell of crap to that story; IBM is investing only $9.6 million in that project, and that's supposed to be enough to bring BPL to all of rural America???

BPL is an inherently flawed technology for both technical and economic reasons. The last is maybe the most important; it's doubtful there enough people in rural America wanting high speed internet via BPL to justify the necessary infrastructure investment. Other technologies, like satellite and 3G telephony, are available in much of rural America. (Some of our former neighbors in Smithville are now using 3G "dongles" and are very pleased with the ISDN speed they get.) BPL is a solution looking for a problem. I'd bet my life nothing comes out of this IBM announcement (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17, ibid.)

There was separate coverage of this story in the Wall Street Journal that I didn't link because I wasn't sure if it was one of the subscription-only pages. The WSJ story says the $9.6 million is what IBM is getting for managing the installation of BPL at 13 electrical cooperatives in seven states. IBM anticipates getting more work along

the same lines from some of the other 900 rural power providers in the US.

The story claims there are 30 million US homes that do not have access to other forms of broadband due to lack of cable TV, distance from the telephone CO, and hills and trees blocking disrupting wireless networks. This bit strikes me as coming from some marketing propaganda or being seriously outdated. 30 million homes would contain a very sizable portion of the overall population (Jay Heyl, ibid.)

Yet another nail in the coffin of the MW/SW listening hobby, plus HF Amateur Radio if IBM's plans go forward. I'm not convinced BPL will work without causing severe interference in the radio spectrum. Most of rural Arkansas is served by electric cooperatives and I'm afraid with our current General Assembly, such a plan would have the skids greased quickly by the AEC/Utility lobbies. ñ (Fritze H. Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, Grid: EM43aw, IRCA via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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STD PROPAGATION COURSE

Have you seen the STD Propagation Course? Mr. Oler put together a very useful course that covers essential space weather and radio propagation models, theories, and science. It is in use in many places around the globe, and is worth looking into. I've got some details about it here: http://www.hfradio.org/swp_course/

Solar Terrestrial Dispatch (STD) is a world-leader in space weather forecasting services. Speaking of space weather and radio propagation, we're now seeing the 10.7-cm solar flux index crossing back into the 70's. That's very welcomed. The higher bands may begin to show some signs of life, soon. 73 de NW7US http://prop.hfradio.org http://myspace.com/tomashood (Tomas Hood, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

A GOOD LINK FOR PROPAGATION STUDIES

For anyone who doesn't already know about this site, it's a rather interesting place for those who have interest in propagation studies: http://www.df5ai.net/
It has a lot of links and some good articles as well (Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Mich., amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels during 10 - 15 November. Activity increased to active levels during 16/0000 - 0600 UTC, then decreased to quiet levels for the rest of the period. ACE solar wind measurements indicated the 16 November active levels were

associated with a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). The HSS began late on 15 November, reached a peak velocity of 528 km/sec at 16/1216 UTC, then gradually decreased during the rest of the period. Interplanetary magnetic field changes associated with the CH HSS included an increase in Bt (peak 14 nT at 15/2021 UTC) and intermittent periods of southward Bz (minimum -13 nT at 15/2225 UTC).

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 19 NOV-15 DEC 2008

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 26 November - 03 December and 06 - 12 December. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels during 19 - 24 November. Activity is expected to increase to mostly unsettled levels during 25 - 26 November due to a recurrent CH HSS. Quiet levels are expected during 27 November - 03 December followed by an increase to unsettled to active levels during 04 - 06 December due to another recurrent CH HSS. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 07 - 15 December.

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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2008 Nov 19	68	5	2
2008 Nov 20	68	5	2
2008 Nov 21	69	5	2
2008 Nov 22	69	5	2
2008 Nov 23	69	5	2
2008 Nov 24	69	5	2
2008 Nov 25	69	12	3
2008 Nov 26	69	10	3
2008 Nov 27	69	5	2
2008 Nov 28	69	5	2
2008 Nov 29	69	5	2
2008 Nov 30	69	5	2
2008 Dec 01	69	5	2
2008 Dec 02	69	5	2
2008 Dec 03	69	5	2

2008 Dec 04	68	8	3
2008 Dec 05	68	15	4
2008 Dec 06	68	10	3
2008 Dec 07	69	5	2
2008 Dec 08	70	5	2
2008 Dec 09	70	5	2
2008 Dec 10	69	5	2
2008 Dec 11	68	5	2
2008 Dec 12	68	5	2
2008 Dec 13	68	5	2
2008 Dec 14	68	5	2
2008 Dec 15	68	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1435, DXLD) ####